



# POOCH POWER!

- Paws galore raised for more dog-friendly beach walks

DOZENS and dozens of dog owners have answered the call of the Phillip Island Bass Coast Dog Owners Association and posted or emailed photos of their precious pooches to their local Bass Coast Shire Councillors.

And it's not too late to get on the best-friend bandwagon.

Bass Coast Mayor, Cr Rochelle Halstead, has received 50 pet pics alone via email and Facebook in recent days, and as a dog lover herself, she welcomes the canine-coloured correspondence.

"It made my day. Obviously, it shows how much joy their pets bring to their world and it's something we all share," said Cr Halstead this week.

The unprecedented outpouring comes ahead of the release of a new Domestic Animal Management Plan (DAMP) for 2026-2029, expected at the August 2025 meeting of council.

And chief amongst the pleas from the pooches and their owners is an ardent appeal for more dog-friendly beach walks and fenced dog parks in local towns.

Which stands to reason, given the growing population and the fact that on Phillip Island alone, just one kilometre of the island's 97 kilometres of beaches is available for off-leash dog exercising.

"We appreciate the shire gets a lot of points of view about this, but we just wanted to demonstrate that a majority of people need to walk their dogs, and they just love walking on the beach," said president of the Phillip Island Bass Coast Dog Owners Association (PIBCDOA), Cheryl Owens.

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Liz Ward with 'Gypsy', Cheryl Owens with 'Chewie', Karen Skinner with 'Rosie' the Jack Russell-Foxy and 'Jack' the Jack Russell-Basenji, and Geoff Owens with 'Kevin' would all like to see more beach walk opportunities for their dogs.

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“We don’t want to lose any of the existing off-leash beaches, including San Remo, which there seems to be a bit of noise about, and we’d like to see more opportunities to walk dogs on the beach in recognition of the significant growth in the area.

“We want to keep Ventnor, we want to keep Cowes (yacht club beach), Cape Woolamai and San Remo, and we think there’s potential for a new walk between the bridge and Cleeland Road, which is an area controlled by the council which would be well used by people from San Remo, Newhaven, Cape Woolamai and the Island generally,” said Mrs Owens.

“Fenced dog parks in the towns are another big one, with separate areas needed for small and big dogs. Inverloch has the biggest need there, then Cowes and Wonthaggi. But they’re needed in all our towns, similar to what they have everywhere else.”

Mrs Owens said her group favoured a review of the ban on dogs being walked on-leash along Lovers Walk Cowes, between Steele Street and Dunsmore Road, because walking dogs there was already an established practice.

And she’s detailed the dos, don’ts and wants of local dog owners in a follow-up email to councillors, printed in the “letters” section of today’s paper.

Mrs Owens said that according to the Engage Bass Coast website, there would be an opportunity for further community engagement on the draft DAMP, between August 21 and September 18, which she said was welcomed by the members of PIBCDOA.

“We haven’t seen a copy of the draft yet, but we’re anxious to see what is being proposed by the shire.

“As was the case back in 1997, when 87 per cent of people responded to a shire survey in favour of dogs on beaches, we just wanted to show that there’s more interest in this than just about anything else,” said Mrs Owens.

Bass Coast Mayor, Cr Halstead, who responded to the dog owners’ campaign by posting a picture of herself



Cape Woolamai resident Kirsty Carter takes ‘Tucker’ for the long walk over the bridge to San Remo at the weekend.

and her much-loved golden labradors ‘Invy’ and ‘Sanny’, said she was looking forward to the release of the new DAMP.

“I was delighted to receive the pictures. They’re all beautiful and they make a real difference in people’s lives, especially if you’re living alone or feel isolated for some reason,” said Cr Halstead.

“And I appreciate that the dog association isn’t just about advocacy, they’re always on about dog etiquette and responsible dog ownership as well, but the DAMP has got to strike a balance between protecting the wildlife and looking after the environment, and what the dog owners would like to see.

“The majority of dog owners are responsible but there is a minority who are inclined to do the wrong thing, and we have to be mindful of that as well.”

Cr Halstead said she expected the long-awaited DAMP to be tabled at the August 2025 council meeting.

According to the timeline on the Engage Bass Coast website, following a brief period of consultation on the draft DAMP, in August and September, it is anticipated that the final management plan will be adopted by council at its October 2025 meeting.



Bass Coast Mayor, Cr Rochelle Halstead with ‘Invy’ aged 8 and ‘Sanny’ aged nine months, is a well-known dog lover but concedes the new Domestic Animal Management Plan needs to strike a balance between the wants of dog owners and the needs of wildlife and the environment.



This silver Honda Jazz licence plate UUY756, was stolen from a property in Campbell Street Wonthaggi.

## Fearful spate of car thefts

IN ONE of three aggravated burglaries, involving car thefts over the weekend, the Wonthaggi owner of one of the cars awoke to see three offenders legging it away down Cuttlers Circuit in the early hours of Monday morning, July 21.

On that occasion, they left the car behind, after breaking into the house, stealing the keys and rummaging around in the car before being disturbed.

Wonthaggi Police believe that incident might be connected with the theft of another car in nearby Campbell Street, likely in the early hours of Sunday morning, July 20 when the offenders have gained entry to the home, through an unlocked sliding door, while the occupants were asleep, located the keys and stolen a silver Honda Jazz, licence plate number UUY756.

This car has not been recovered but was sighted by police in the early hours of Monday morning, in the Tarwin Lower area. They closed in on the car, only for it to be driven away in erratic fashion, enough for police to discontinue their pursuit for fear of causing a risk to other motorists.

Police are still looking for that car and the offenders, and are very keen to receive information from the public about the car and its occupants, mindful of the very serious offences that have been committed.

Police have also advised of the theft of a third car in Higg Street, Leongatha, a white 2024 Mitsubishi Outlander, rego 1ZP8MV, at around 4am on Monday morning. This car was also involved in the theft of petrol from BP in Korumburra at about 4.30am.

The offenders have gained entry through an open garage door, located the keys inside, and stole the car, much to the disdain of the owners who posted a message about “the scum who stole my husband’s car”, seeking CCTV or dashcam footage.

“If anyone living in Higg Street has cameras, please message me,” said the homeowner.

Acting Inspector Bass Coast LAC Jason Hullick revealed a common theme with a number of these incidents which car owners can assist police by dealing with.

“I know people sometimes forget to lock the house or their cars, but they can go a long way to deterring thieves if they have a quick check before they go to bed to ensure that everything is safely and securely locked down,” said Acting Inspector Hullick.

“We’ve had an ongoing problem with car thefts, as they have in all other areas, and we just ask people to lock their cars and securely lock their houses and workplaces.”

Those with information about these thefts or the whereabouts of the stolen cars can contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 1800 333 000 or via the website: [crimestoppersvic.com.au/report-a-crime](http://crimestoppersvic.com.au/report-a-crime).

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IN BRIEF

Nominate those helping  
reduce stigma around  
mental health

THERE is still time to nominate! Organisers of the 2025 Australian Mental Health Prize are calling on the community to help shine a light on the people making a real difference in mental health. Nominations are open until July 23, 2025.

To nominate someone or learn more, visit: [australianmentalhealthprize.org.au](http://australianmentalhealthprize.org.au).

Cut the tax on  
immunisation, they say

THE State Government could help arrest the worrying decline in immunisation rates since COVID by dropping the annual immunisation tax it levies on Local Government.

During the recent Legislative Council Economy and Infrastructure Committee Inquiry into Local Government Funding and Services, the sector called on government to reverse the annual immunisation tax of \$6000 and the \$2 fee per immunisation administered by local governments, and instead provide sufficient funding for this responsibility, which falls under the purview of the Victorian Government.

But the Department of Health does not support the initiative. "The Victorian Government recognises the importance of Central Immunisation Records Victoria (CIRV) platform and partnership with local governments and public health services in delivering immunisation services and appreciates the crucial efforts of local government in managing and implementing Victoria's immunisation program..."

But it won't stop collecting the tax.

Join Delburn Wind  
Farm's committee

RESIDENTS who live around the Delburn Wind Farm site are invited to join the Community Consultative Committee (CCC) to share local perspectives.

The Delburn Wind Farm are seeking new members from Mirboo North and other impacted towns to provide a diverse representation of people living around the wind farm site. CCC members share community feedback, advice on community priorities and give local insights into potential impacts.

Although the CCC is not a decision-making body, it has an important role in informing the project team.

Meetings are held bimonthly in the Delburn Wind Farm office and online.

For any questions, concerns or great ideas, get in touch to express your interest.

Call 1800 676 428 or email [contactus@delburnwindfarm.com.au](mailto:contactus@delburnwindfarm.com.au) or drop into the office at 66 Ridgeway, Mirboo North, between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday.

Still waiting for  
Passivhaus

HOW the Bass Coast Shire Council's contractors hope to comply with strict Passivhaus air-tightness standards for its \$32 million Berninneit building is anyone's guess, with a backdoor that regularly lets all the air escape and the need for sticky tape during the accreditation process.

But, according to a statement to the Bass Coast Council meeting last week, they're taking another shot at it anyway.

David Clements (no relation) asked council last week why it hadn't updated its 'Engage Bass Coast' webpage about the status of the building's Passivhaus accreditation.

Response: "In relation to Passivhaus certification, Council has undertaken all necessary works and testing, and documentation has been submitted for assessment as part of the Passivhaus certification process. Accreditation is currently pending."

What they're  
talking about

THEY might not be telling us about it, but the Bass Coast Shire Council is doing a lot of talking about issues of importance to the community, as revealed by the 'Informal Meetings of Councillors Summary' tabled at last week's council meeting.

Here's just a flavour of what's being discussed behind closed doors:

- Protection of Western Port Woodlands
- Bass Coast Dinosaur Trail
- Former Wonthaggi Secondary College Site
- Phillip Island Sporting Precinct
- Bass Coast Shire Aquatics State of Play
- 2025 Community Satisfaction Survey Results
- Advocacy Update
- San Remo Structure Plan

Legal action pending?

A SPOKESPERSON for the Cape Paterson Unit Trust No.1, Ian Wallis, owners of the Cape Paterson land referred to as 'the Wallis Watson land' has written to the Bass Coast Council asking if the shire received legal advice when supporting the decision to contract the settlement boundary of the town.

"Has Council received legal advice on its exposure risks in circumstances where affected landholders legally challenge the reversal of development rights Council has previously supported (including in the current planning scheme)?" Mr Wallis asked during question time at last week's council meeting.

Council response: "Yes, in instances where questions of legal merit are raised in considering applications for the

use and development of land through the Bass Coast Planning Scheme, Council may consider the advice of independent legal experts to supplement their decision making."

No return to 50-50  
library funding, they say

THE State Government has given a flat 'no' in response to a request from local government that there be a return to a shared funding agreement of 50/50 with local councils for the operation of public libraries.

In response to the accusation of "cost shifting" around library funding, raised at the Legislative Council Economy and Infrastructure Committee Inquiry into Local Government Funding and Services (June 2025), the Department of Government Services claimed it was the fault of local councils that library costs had blown out.

"The Victorian Government has maintained or increased its investment in public library services each year. In 2024-25 the Victorian Government has made a total investment of \$53.379 million in public library services.

"As councils have expanded the breadth and depth of library services over time in consultation with their communities, the proportion of library funding met by local government has increased.

"Libraries have had a changing role over time, and now not only provide the community with information and technology, but access to a broad range of local and Victorian Government information and services, offering a range of wellness programs, mental health resources and community services."

Hope for school  
crossing funds

THE State Government has left the way open to reinstating a 50-50 split on funding for the School Crossing Supervisor program with Victorian local councils in a review of cost-shifting as part of its inquiry into Local Government Funding and Services (June 2025).

The Department of Transport and Planning has responded to questions about the funding of the school crossing program by confirming it is under review.

"The Victorian Government has a long-standing partnership with councils to fund school crossing supervisors, who play an important role in keeping children safe on our roads on their journey to and from school.

"Victoria has the most extensive school crossing supervisor program in the country, with more than 3000 supervisors located at primary and secondary schools around the state.

"Road safety, especially the safety of school children, is

paramount. This is why the Victorian Government remains committed to the School Crossing Supervisor Program with a total of \$57.4 million allocated across 2024-25 and 2025-26.

"In 2023, in response to concerns raised by councils, the Department of Transport and Planning established the School Crossing Reference Group to collaboratively develop a Program Improvement Plan that will deliver recommendations to the Minister in 2025, including advice around subsidy allocation and the current operating model."

Better pay, better  
councillors?

A RECENT inquiry into cost-shifting between State Government and local government put forward the scenario that higher base allowances for councillors would attract better candidates.

The Department of Treasury and Finance offered its support for the suggestion in principle.

However, the scenario makes two assumptions: (1) there's something wrong with the current crop, and (2) the community would support paying them more.

"The Victorian Independent Remuneration Tribunal may consider a range of matters in accordance with s.24(2) of the Victorian Independent Remuneration Tribunal and Improving Parliamentary Standards Act 2019," was the official response from the State Government.

Investigations continue  
into suspicious house  
fire in Dalyston

DETECTIVES are appealing for the public's assistance to assist with their investigation into a suspicious house fire in Dalyston last month.

Emergency services responded to a house fire on Daly Street on June 17 about 7.15am.

It is believed the blaze started at the rear of the property.

The three occupants of the home were evacuated and did not sustain any injuries.

An arson chemist attended the scene and determined the blaze to be suspicious.

Detectives later executed a search warrant at a property in Mirboo North on June 20 to progress their enquiries.

The investigation remains ongoing.

Investigators are urging anyone who may have information about the fire to come forward and would like to remind people this can be done anonymously.

Anyone who witnessed the incident, has dashcam/CCTV footage or any other information that could assist police is urged to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or submit a confidential report online at [crimestoppersvic.com.au](http://crimestoppersvic.com.au).



# Special charge scheme for The Esplanade

By Bruce Wardley

PROPERTY owners on The Esplanade at Sunderland Bay have been asked to comment on a special charge scheme proposed by Bass Coast Shire Council.

Details of the special charge scheme from Sunderland Bay Road to Zephyr Court have finally been revealed by Bass Coast Shire along with the cost to each property owner.

Bass Coast Shire Council's preferred concept option includes sealing of The Esplanade between Sunderland Bay Road to Zephyr Court, underground drainage and the creation of narrow zig-zag chicanes to slow traffic.

A committee comprising the Mayor and the three Island Ward Councillors will be appointed to consider submissions to the scheme.

Cr Tracey Bell said the road was in terrible condition and residents have shown through engagement that they want it sealed with proper drainage.

Cr Tim O'Brien said residents in the area were in favour of the scheme.

Bass Coast Shire Council received a petition from property owners requesting a road and drainage upgrade project for The Esplanade in March 2024.

After engaging with affected property owners between July and August 2024 Council has delivered a range of concept options and costs for community consideration.

The total estimated project cost is estimated at \$1,849,550.

After the deduction of amounts to be paid by Council the cost of the proposed scheme to each individual property is estimated at between \$11,938.28 and \$28,897.69. A hardship payment plan can be tailored to the individual needs of eligible ratepayers.

Bass Coast Shire has admitted to a legacy of urban areas with unsealed roads that have no underground drainage or footpaths. The estimated cost of bringing all these urban areas to a basic level of infrastructure is over \$250 million.

The Esplanade between Sunderland Bay Road and Zephyr



Special charge scheme for The Esplanade in Sunderland Bay from Sunderland Bay Road to Zephyr Court will include sealing of the road, underground drainage and the creation of narrow zig-zag chicanes to slow traffic. B06\_2925



The special charge scheme proposed for The Esplanade in Sunderland Bay on Phillip Island will extend from Sunderland Bay Road to Zephyr Court.

Court has been one of Council's highest priorities with a history of dust and traffic safety issues, including localised flash flooding and inundation from high-intensity storm events.

The land on the southern side of the scheme area is a publicly owned coastal reserve managed by Phillip Island Nature Parks (PINP) and the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA).

In peak periods, it has been estimated that 464 vehicles use The Esplanade daily, with 351 vehicle trips generated from traffic outside the scheme

boundaries from either tourist traffic accessing beach car-parks, or from elsewhere in Surf Beach and Sunderland Bay.

Under Section 223 of the Act, any person is eligible to make a submission regarding the proposed special charge. Those landowners included within the scheme will be advised so that they can make written submissions and request to have their submission heard by the appointed Committee of Council.

In response to a petition received by council in February 2024, Bass Coast Shire Council

are also appealing for submissions to a special charge scheme for The Esplanade from Sunderland Bay Road to Batman Street in Surf Beach. The council's preferred plan would see the sealing of the road, underground drainage, the creation of narrow zig-zag chicanes to slow traffic and a footpath on the ocean side of The Esplanade. This special charge would amount to \$1,553,076 with council intending to declare and levy by way of the Special Chare an amount of \$409,391.

For more information, go to [engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au](https://engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au).

## Bumpy road ahead for special charge scheme

DUST in summer and poor drainage in winter in Sunderland Bay is something everyone can agree on, but there seems to be little consensus about how to fix it.

Faced with the prospect of a special charge scheme costing between \$11,938 and \$28,897 property owners on The Esplanade between Sunderland Bay Road to Zephyr Court must now consider a range of options.

"It is never a good idea to seal roads," said visiting Birmingham Lion's fan Steve Johnson.

"Unsealed roads need to be properly maintained."

Walking their dog Molly at Sunderland Bay, Laura and Duane said local residents don't want to be up for the cost of road and drainage works.

"Unsealed roads keep the traffic down," said Duane.

Laura said she felt sorry for those living on the corner who had to pay the most.

Josh said he understood that for property owners on The Esplanade dust was an issue.

"It gets a lot of tourist traffic," he said.

"For local residents, the fact that it will cost a lot is a bit stiff.

"It's a lot of cash for local residents, not sure how the road should be sealed.

"Not enough consultation and as little input as possible."

Council should go into a longer consultation process said Josh.

"No one size fits all."

James and his son, Eli, agreed that the drainage and dust are terrible.

Visitors Alex and Emilio thought it was a good idea to seal the road, particularly in summer, because of the dust, but it should be the government that pays.

"It's a tourist road," they said.

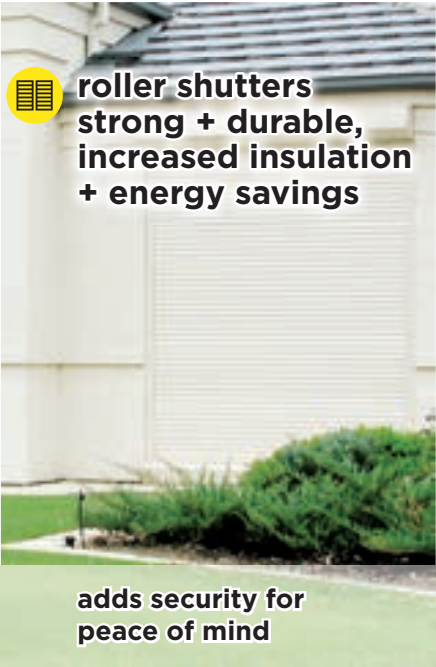
Jessica and Iain said they really loved the old beach idea, but agreed the dust in summer was terrible and the drainage didn't work properly.

"I love the rustic feel," said Jessica.

"It feels authentic."

"It hasn't changed since the 70s," said Iain.

Jessica and Iain said the proposed road and drainage works would come at a substantial cost to local property owners.



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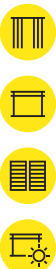
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# How ‘job fatigue’ is hurting us

IT’S not entirely clear how we’re going locally, but according to the National Centre for Immunisation Research and Surveillance Australia, there have been concerning and ongoing declines in childhood vaccination coverage since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. This includes a somewhat greater decline in coverage in adolescents than in other age groups.

And there’s no reason to suggest results aren’t of similar concern locally. Here are some takeaways from the NCIRS:

- Levels of on-time childhood vaccination remain substantially lower than before the pandemic, with vaccines due at older ages more likely to be received late compared to vaccines due at younger ages.
- In 2024, one in three children received the first dose of measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine late, while one in five children received the second dose of a diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (DTP)-containing vaccine late.
- Two out of 10 adolescents had not received a human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine dose by 15 years of age, and three out of 10 had not received an adolescent dose of meningococcal ACWY vaccine by 17.
- Influenza vaccination is funded under the National Immunisation Program (NIP) for children aged six months to less than five years and adults aged 65 years and over; however, coverage was suboptimal across all age groups in 2024.

Asked about the problem, both Bass Coast and South Gippsland councils provided functional responses.

“The South Gippsland Immunisation program delivers a community-based and school immunisation program across the shire. Whilst we’re unable to release specific figures for South Gippsland, South Gippsland has seen a fluctuation in coverage rates over the last five years, but has maintained high coverage rates of children fully immunised at five years old.

“South Gippsland Shire Council in partnership with local GPs and pharmacies, continue to promote the benefits of vaccinations and reduce barriers for families, adolescents, and high-risk community members in accessing vaccines.”

Bass Coast Council said the shire delivers funded immunisation programs under the National Immunisation Program, including free flu vaccines for eligible groups and routine childhood and adolescent vaccinations.

“Public immunisation sessions are held monthly in Cowes, Corinella and Wonthaggi. We continue to encourage the community to stay up to date with vaccinations to protect against preventable diseases.

“Looking at Influenza Vaccinations, over the past two months (May, June), our Immunisation Team has delivered: 25 flu vaccination sessions, including: nine Public Immunisation Sessions and 16 Corporate Flu Program Sessions.

“A total of 602 influenza vaccinations were delivered across all age groups.”

Further information is available on Council’s website: [basscoast.vic.gov.au/immunisation](https://basscoast.vic.gov.au/immunisation).



Bass Coast Shire Council questioned over changes to public question time at their second meeting at Berninnet. B21\_2925

## ‘Please explain’ for Bass Coast Council

THE second meeting for Bass Coast Shire Council at Berninnet in Cowes featured four questions from the public about the proposed, apparently unpopular, changes to public question time.

New governance rules proposed by Bass Coast Council would require people submitting questions to be present in the council chamber to hear their name called.

Anyone submitting a question would then be given the opportunity to read the question themselves or have the mayor or chair of the council meeting read it for them.

• From Susie Wickes: “Please explain why you are seeking to make public questions an in-person only experience, as this would make it extremely difficult for the majority of Bass Coast Shire working ratepayers, stay-at-home parents, non-resident ratepayers and ratepayers with disabilities to participate effectively in public question time at future council meetings?”

• From Leanne Sumpter: “Being a regional council, Bass Coast Council, in looking to make it a rule that one must be in the chamber for their question to be addressed has made it difficult for many ratepayers to ask a question. There is limited public transport and vast distances to travel to attend chamber. What provisions is council putting in place to address this situation?”

• From Kevin Griffin: “Council is proposing severe restrictions to Public Question Time. Even some Councillors have had insufficient time and briefings to fully understand ramifications of the changes. Will Council now agree to extend

the public submission period to Thursday, August 14 to allow the community adequate time to review and respond?”

• From Anne Clements: “Please explain to its ratepayers how making it much more difficult for many ratepayers to participate in public question time supports Bass Coast Shire Council stated goal of making Bass Coast Shire Council open, transparent and responsive in its interactions with the Bass Coast Shire ratepayer body?”

They all received the same roneoed response: “Consultation on the draft Governance Rules has been open for four weeks and will close tomorrow, Thursday, July 17 at 5pm. Community members have been able to provide feedback on the draft rules, and all input will be considered prior to the final endorsement of the Governance Rules by Council.

In response to a query from Cr Meg Edwards, CEO Greg Box said the draft policy may or may not come back to council for consideration in August, depending on the feedback council receives.

In response to a separate question about the “stolen mayoral chains” and mayoral robe, Mr Box said the chronology of the Borough of Wonthaggi mayoral chains was available online.

“Council has conducted an investigation into this matter over several years and can take no further action unless new information comes to light,” said Mr Box.

Council was also asked if it was prepared to endorse a ministerial decision about the settlement boundary at Cape Paterson that ignored the independent panel, contradicted

its own strategies and technical advice, and knowingly stripped the seaside town of growth opportunities at the cost of short-term local housing supply.

Greg Box replied that council had already endorsed the new Statement of Planning Policy and the changes at Cape Paterson at an earlier council meeting pursuant to the Environment Planning Act.

In relation to the recent endorsement of the Statement of Planning Policy council was asked if it had received legal advice on its exposure to risk where affected landholders may legally challenge the reversal of development rights.

“Council was able to consider the advice of independent legal experts,” said Mr Box.

In other questions to council: • Asked to explain why the regional sand extraction strategy at Lang Lang to Grantville was not part of the Shire Planning Scheme, Mr Box explained that the regional sand extraction strategy is listed as a background document under the Bass Coast planning scheme and referenced under the local provisions for resource exploration and extraction.

• Continuing with question time council was asked to explain the figures and assumptions used in calculations for Special Charge Schemes to which Mr Box replied there was no requirement for an independent body to oversee the way council undertakes cost apportionment for Special Charge Schemes. He said: “Council has cost apportionment and associated documents legally reviewed to ensure the wording and calculations are consistent, fair and reasonable and ultimately defensible if challenged.”

• Asked if a \$1.2 million allocation of funds from council to fund road and drainage works for 17 properties was money wisely spent for the greater community, Mr Box replied the investment was consistent with council’s urban road and drainage improvement policy. He said: “The community benefit in these projects is reflected in council’s share of the project cost.”

• Questioned on why progress on the Berninnet Passivhaus certification process had not been provided on the Engage Bass Coast page, Mr Box explained that council’s website was the primary means of providing information to ratepayers and the Engage Bass Coast page was used to share information about the construction of Berninnet. He said: “The project’s construction is considered complete.” Mr Box said council had undertaken all necessary works and testing for Passivhaus certification and had submitted documents for accreditation which was pending.

• Two questions on the management, replacement and storyboard for the Thompson Avenue Golden Cyprus trees in Cowes were given a single answer. Response: “The Thompson Avenue Golden Cyprus trees are protected by a heritage overlay and feature in council’s significant tree register. Council adopted a maintenance and replacement strategy in June 1999.”

• Replacement of the Cyprus tree in front of the podiatry clinic has been scheduled for the next few weeks and relocation of the remaining storyboard will be considered as part of Stage 1 of the Cowes Streetscape Project.

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Bass Coast Shire Council has voted to demolish the Kilcunda Viaduct Bridge due to the risk of collapse. B01\_2925

# Council confirms Kilcunda viaduct bridge will be demolished

THE partially collapsed viaduct bridge in Kilcunda is to be demolished because it is just too late to save it, according to one Bass Coast Shire Councillor.

Unlike the heritage-listed Bourne Creek Trestle Bridge which was put into service and refurbished as part of the new Bass Coast Rail Trail the old viaduct bridge is in poor condition and has been fenced off to the public.

The rail trail path was deliberately aligned to avoid using the viaduct bridge.

Cr Jan Thompson said the Kilcunda Viaduct Bridge, distinct from the Kilcunda Trestle Bridge, was recently

inspected by a wooden bridge expert who said it was the worst decayed bridge he had ever inspected.

The only recommendation he could make, according to Cr Thompson was to demolish.

A public change.org petition had urged Council to preserve the bridge and restore the surrounding vegetation; however, the bridge lacked heritage protection.

"I am very sad this bridge has not been maintained by previous councils, and it has come to this very difficult decision," said Cr Thompson.

Supporting Cr Thompson's comments, Cr Jon Temby said he remembered going

through the bridge as a little kid in the back of a car and his Dad saying 'We've got to be careful here, if a truck comes up the other way there's trouble'.

"It's really sad we're losing it, but that seems the only option," he said.

Cr Temby added he was keen to see the best use of the space itself, and the area made into public open space with an information page about the bridge.

According to Cr Tim O'Brien, it is always difficult to look at something that has served a historical purpose and is a reminder of our history and where we were.

"But when you look at that bridge, we're just too late," said Cr O'Brien.

"Its preservation needed to be put in train at least 20 or more years ago.

"Regrettably, this important link to our history is to be lost."

A future recreation space has been suggested for the site once the bridge is demolished or an artistic or historic recognition installation using reclaimed materials.

"Can't imagine it not being there," said one observer on social media.

Motorists, walkers and cyclists may not have to imagine much longer.

## 'Too little too late' says Griffin

A SUBMISSION has been brought before the Bass Coast Shire Council on the proposed changes to Council's Governance Rules. Local Kevin Griffin stated that the Council has allowed far too little time and made far too little effort to inform and invite public consultation on this important document.

"The Governance Rules are a critical document which can be used to enhance transparency, accountability, and public engagement at Bass Coast Shire Council, or it can be misused to erode transparency, accountability, and public engagement at Bass Coast Shire Council," said Kevin.

"Like myself, the vast majority of community members are working full time. A four-week public review period is utterly inadequate and denies many the opportunity to adequately consider and respond to the proposed changes.

"At this time, I have only been able to find time to concentrate on concerns around the proposed severe restrictions to be imposed on Public Question Time, but a quick glance has caused me some concern in relation to other proposed changes."

Kevin has suggested and requested that the public consultation period be extended by a further four weeks, from the scheduled close of July 17, to instead close on September 14.

"Public Question Time (PQT) at Bass Coast Shire Council meetings is a long-held right for our community. It is a democratic safeguard that is fundamental to open and transparent governance and public accountability at Bass Coast Shire Council," said Kevin.

"Since 2016, successive Bass Coast Shire Councils have imposed tighter restrictions on this right. In 2022, some former Councillors even attempted to remove this right altogether. In many ways, Public Question Time can be the most important aspect of open democracy and community participation at Council meetings.

"While questions about special charge schemes may seem trivial to Councillors, such things are not trivial for community members who are affected by the schemes."

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## Local support a focus of new Procurement Policy

SOUTH Gippsland Shire councillors voted in support of an updated Procurement Policy to guide how council acquires goods, services, and works, while ensuring public funds are spent ethically, transparently and efficiently, councillors noting there is now a stronger emphasis on supporting local suppliers.

“Local businesses employ local people and that helps keep money circulating within our community,” Cr Bron Beach said, noting economic and social sustainability principles are also included in the new Procurement Policy, promoting long-term growth and community wellbeing.

“By prioritising local suppliers and sustainable practices, this policy helps us to build a resilient, empowered community,” Cr Beach said, adding that the aim is one of the key themes in the Council Plan.

Cr Nathan Hersey stressed the added importance of a local focus in the current economic environment.

“Whilst another level of government attempts to rip out money from our community, we as a local level of government are looking at how we can keep funds local,” he said, wanting local businesses to get the council support they need, boosting the region’s economic vibrancy in the process.

As a member of council’s Audit and Risk Committee, Cr Sarah Gilligan has been going through the new Procurement Policy with a fine-tooth comb and spoke of the factors needing to be considered by council when spending ratepayer money.

She said the applicable criteria includes quality, longevity, fitness for purpose, operational costs, experience and performance history, flexibility, innovation and adaptation, whole of life costs including acquisition, decommissioning and disposal, environmental impact and economic and social sustainability.

## Poison bait warning at Blue Gum Reserve

BASS Coast Shire Council has moved quickly to tackle the threat of poison dog baits at Blue Gum Reserve off-leash dog park in Cowes, following the death of a much-loved regular at the park after ingesting rat poison a fortnight ago. Signs have now been erected in the area warning of the danger of poison baits.

‘Please be aware baits have been found in this area.’

‘Take extreme care while walking your dogs.’

‘See something, say something, please contact Bass Coast Shire 5671 2211 or Police.’

Local dog owners at first kept their dogs away from the park, but according to the president of the Phillip Island Dog Owners Association, Cheryl Owens, the dogs and their owners are slowly starting to return.

“Initially, the number of people using the park dropped off, but we’re encouraging them to go back, and keep a close watch on their dogs,” said Cheryl.

Ms Owens said the baiting incident at the park was of massive concern.

“Watch your dog, keep your eye on it. It would be a real pity if the only dog park on Phillip Island is not used,” said Cheryl.

Dog owner Roger, a regular at the park with his dog Rex, said it had to be of concern.

“Dogs moving around, you don’t know what they find or sniff.

“In the off-leash area, no one gives you any problems, but you have to be careful and



Cooper and Sonny wait for a treat from Jenny at the Blue Gum Reserve off-leash dog park in Cowes. B11\_2925

keep the area clean.”

Jen, with her dog Belle, is also a regular at the park.

“We’re concerned about the bait,” said Jen.

“You have to watch the dogs in the bushes.

“We come to the park because it is an off-leash area.

“I love the time with the dog. It is an important part of her socialising and being able to run free.”

Cooper and Sonny have been coming to the park with their owner, Jenny, for eleven and a half years.

“We have to keep an eye on the dogs to make sure they don’t run off into the bushes,” said Jenny.

Not sure if the baiting was deliberately targeted at dogs, Jenny said wildlife in the area,

such as possums, had also been found dead.

“We love this place, and the dogs love it. They have a wonderful time here.

“Cooper knows the other dogs, and they play well together.”

The area has been mown by the Bass Shire Open Space team to keep the grass short and provide a clear line of sight for people walking their dogs in the park.

Community Safety Officers have also been walking the area to reassure dog owners.

No additional baits have been located, but Bass Coast Shire Council arranged for temporary cautionary signage to be installed during the school holidays.

Council encourages anyone



Signs have been erected by Bass Coast Shire at Blue Gum Reserve in Cowes warning dog owners to take extreme care when walking their dogs. B16\_2925

who may have any information on the poison bait incident to report it directly to Council and/or Victoria Police so the matter can be properly investigated.

Thanking Bass Coast Shire for their work in the area, Cheryl Owens asked dog owners to remain extra vigilant when walking their dogs and to keep a lookout for baits.

Signs of poisoning can include lethargy, swollen tummy, white gums, pale to white sclera (white part of the eye), black stools, bleeding from the gums, coughing with or without blood, difficulty breathing but eating and drinking as normal for a number of days.

If poisoning is suspected, seek veterinary advice immediately.

## Public Notice

### Consultation for Review of the Bass Gas Offshore Operations EP



**Beach Energy (Beach) supplies natural gas from offshore Victoria to the local market through existing infrastructure. In accordance with regulatory requirements, Beach has commenced planning and consulting for the 5-year review of the Bass Gas Offshore Operations Environment Plan (EP) to cover ongoing production operations.**

Bass Gas Operations produces natural gas and condensate from the Yolla gas field in the Bass Strait. The gas field is serviced by the Yolla-A Offshore Platform (Yolla Platform), and an approximately 147 km subsea pipeline that transports the gas and liquids from the platform to the Victorian mainland near Kilcunda. Commercial production of gas from the Yolla field started in June 2006 and may extend to 2030.

The revised EP includes the operation of the offshore wells, Yolla Platform and pipeline in the Bass Strait in commonwealth and state waters, and the ongoing maintenance and inspections to ensure safe ongoing field operations.

#### Community information sessions

Beach is committed to working with local communities, ensuring people are informed about our projects and can provide feedback. Stakeholder consultation is an important part of our planning as it helps identify local concerns and ensures management of potential impacts.

Consultation on the revised Bass Gas Offshore Operations EP is open from **Monday 14 July 2025** until close of business **Friday 10 October 2025**.



| Consultation dates and information                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| Online consultation hub                                                                                                                                                              | <b>engage.beachenergy.com.au</b><br>Engage Beach, includes information in different formats including maps; diagrams; photos; questions and answers; detailed information sheets.                                                                                                                                         |
| In-person community information sessions (registration not required)                                                                                                                 | <b>Wonthaggi RSL, 60 Graham Street, Wonthaggi</b><br>Tuesday 19 August, 11am to 3pm (AEST) (Dedicated First Nations session)<br>Tuesday 19 August, 6pm to 8pm (AEST) (Open session)<br>Wednesday 20 August, 11am to 3pm (AEST) (Open session)<br>Wednesday 20 August, 6pm to 8pm (AEST) (Dedicated First Nations session) |
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For information regarding consultation, please see NOSPEMA’s Brochure titled ‘Consultation on offshore petroleum environment plans’, at [consultation.nopsema.gov.au](http://consultation.nopsema.gov.au).

For further project information scan the QR code or visit [engage.beach.com.au](http://engage.beach.com.au).

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# Councillors say it's all take and no give with state's new levy

"THIS is happening to us whether we like it or not", was the much-repeated phrase from councillors about the Emergency Services Volunteer Fund (ESVF) levy at last Wednesday's meeting.

The South Gippsland Shire Council is advocating to the State Government to relax legislation around how the levy will be collected and handed over; specifically that Council be allowed to take what's owed to them from ratepayers before giving money collected from the ESVF to the State.

Council is also asking that rates notices clearly distinguish between Council-imposed charges and State Government levies; and that payment plan options are available to help ratepayers manage increased costs.

Approximately \$1.3 million in additional money will be collected from South Gippsland ratepayers in 2025/26.

While the figure was initially \$5 million, this has been reduced following the drought relief amnesty on the levy for approximately 3200 local farmers.

Residential properties will see the doubling of rates, and significant increases on commercial properties will affect approximately 400 local businesses.

Cr Sarah Gilligan proposed a number of additional points be made to the report, including writing to the Premier of Victoria expressly maintaining



**Cr Nathan Hersey voices concern over the levy's financial impact on both residents and Council operations, vowing to continue advocating for fairness.**

Council's opposition to the levy.

"Council strongly urges that all funds collected from South Gippsland be transparently accounted for and publicly reported," was another point added by Cr Gilligan.

Addressing the equality in the collection and distribution of funds between metro and regional areas was another.

"Also ask the government to recognise the complex disaster risk environment faced by our food and energy producing regional communities," said Cr Gilligan.

"The current model of different calculations between agricultural and commercial rates unfairly places the load on our regional producers.

"And advise that Council

urges that all funds collected from regional and rural Victoria be fully reinvested into emergency services within those same communities."

While the levy will be collected by local governments on behalf of the State, it is the State Government who will administer funds to emergency services directly, leaving council with no control over how or where funds are allocated, and they fear that it will limit their local influence.

"This money is not for general revenue. This isn't to pay down debt. You've (State Government) said it's for the emergency services and I'd like to ensure it goes there," added Cr Scott Rae.

The report notes that while the levy is intended to equitably



**Cr Sarah Gilligan addresses Council, calling for greater transparency and a firm stance against the State's Emergency Services levy model during Wednesday's meeting.**

fund emergency services, the actual financial burden on local ratepayers, especially in rural areas, also raises concerns about fairness and transparency.

"Not only is this impacting our community and our people and our local economy, but we as a Council, it is having an impact on us as a Council, as an organisation. This will continue to impact our bottom line," said Cr Nathan Hersey.

"We'll continue to fight on behalf of our community and on behalf of our Council organisation in opposing this and the impacts of it, which have been very poorly thought out."

Council have stated they will continue to support residents experiencing financial hardship.

## Return of the McKenzie pothole

A STUBBORN pothole on McKenzie Street near Poplar Street in Wonthaggi has once again made an unwelcome return, just weeks after it was filled in.

Locals say the pothole has been causing problems for close to a year, and while the surface was recently redone and patched again last week, the hole has already opened up once more.

Bass Coast Shire Council says it's not responsible for that section of road. A Council spokesperson confirmed it falls under the care of Regional Roads Victoria, part of the Department of Transport and Planning.

The Department has since confirmed crews will be sent out to fix the hole again, and longer-term repairs are on the way.

"We're aware of the pothole on McKenzie Street near Poplar Street in Wonthaggi and crews will attend the site to rectify the issue," said Beth Liley, executive director Gippsland at the Department of Transport and Planning.

"We're also planning for more long-term works along this stretch of the Bass Highway, and we'll keep the local community informed about when those works are due to start."

The Department said major works like resurfacing and rehabilitation are usually scheduled between September and May, when weather conditions are more favourable.

These months are usually warmer and drier, making them better suited for roadworks to occur. Materials like asphalt and bitumen need dry conditions to set properly, and cold or wet weather can lead to quick breakdowns and failed repairs.

The Department also said it routinely inspects this stretch of road in line with the Road Management Act 2004, and carries out emergency maintenance as needed.

Still, many locals say they're growing tired of the patch-and-repeat cycle. With the pothole returning so soon after the last fix, there's growing pressure for something more lasting to be done.

## GELLIONDALE WIND FARM UPDATE

Gelliondale Wind Farm has taken another major step towards construction. Synergy Wind has submitted a revised and updated planning application under the Victorian Government's new assessment pathway.

Formal lodgement is underway and a public notice period will provide further opportunity for community members to make submissions.

### THE PROJECT

- Thirteen wind turbine generators with rotor diameters of up to 164 metres with maximum tip height of 210 metres above ground level
- 40MW battery energy storage system (BESS).
- Capacity to power around 37,000 residences and business operations throughout Gippsland with clean energy for the next 35 years enhancing reliability of local power supply.
- Situated approximately seven kilometres southwest of Yarram, three kilometres west of Alberton and eight kilometres east of Welshpool.

### THE BACKGROUND

In 2023, Synergy Wind submitted an initial permit application. The Victorian Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA) subsequently requested further information be added to the various ecological assessment reports to assist the approval process.

Simultaneously the Commonwealth Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) requested similar detailed information as part of their separate environmental assessment, which requires the creation of a comprehensive Public Environment Report (PER).

As a result, Synergy Wind requested to pause the State application during 2024 to allow additional surveys and assessments be undertaken to satisfy the evolving State requirements and continue the studies required for the PER.

During this time the Victorian government released a policy statement ('A Better Approach to Managing Biodiversity Impacts of Renewable Energy Projects') which implemented an improved planning assessment process for eligible renewable energy projects.

As a result, along with the development of an updated ecological assessment report, the planning permit application for Gelliondale Wind Farm has been resubmitted under this new assessment pathway.

It contains all the additional information required by the Victorian government as well as relevant results for assessments undertaken for the PER which is scheduled to be completed by September, when it will be reviewed by DCCEEW prior to release for community input.



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# South Gippsland Shire Council News

## South Gippsland Shire Pets Facebook Page

Reuniting pets with their owners and helping those without families find their forever home is something we at Council are extremely passionate about.

To help achieve this, Council created a Facebook page: **South Gippsland Shire Pets**, in January of this year.

This page provides a central space for the South Gippsland community to see:

- Lost animals
- Animals for adoption through Council
- Successful adoptions

- Upcoming notifications such as registration renewals
- Handy tips for pet ownership

As the following for this page has grown, it has been a fantastic way for members of the community to help us with these reunions and new adoptions.

It would be amazing to have even more of the community involved. Together, we can make a big difference in the lives of our four-legged friends.

Head to the link below to take a look and like the page!

[www.facebook.com/sgscpets](https://www.facebook.com/sgscpets)

## Seeking blanket and towel donations for pound



As the cold weather sets in, our furry friends at the pound need your help to stay warm and comfortable.

Council is currently seeking donations of gently used blankets and towels to provide comfort to the animals in our care.

Your generous donations will go a long way in ensuring that every animal has a cosy space to rest while they wait for their forever home.

**Drop-off locations:**  
**Leongatha (9 Smith Street)**  
Monday and Wednesday 10.00am to 3.00pm  
**Korumburra (15 Little Commercial Street)**  
Tuesday and Thursday 10.00am to 3.00pm

### COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 20 August 2025 at 2.00pm.

Details will be available on Council's website:

[www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/councilmeetings](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/councilmeetings)

To watch the meeting live or when it suits you, visit:

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### COLLABORATIVE TENDER

South Gippsland Shire Council and Bass Coast Shire Council are conducting a Collaborative Tender.

### RFT/444 - Annual Supply of Quarry and Road Making Materials

Tenders close 2.00pm AEST on Friday 8 August 2025.

Tender documents can be downloaded from <https://basscoast.etenderbox.com.au>

### COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM

Council's Community Grants Program is open for round one applications. The program supports community initiatives that enhance the quality of life, heritage, recreation and cultural opportunities.

Drop in for a chat with our Grants Officer about the program between 10.00am and 3.00pm at one of the following sessions:

- Monday 28 July - Leongatha Library
- Tuesday 29 July - Korumburra Library
- Monday 4 August - Foster Library
- Thursday 7 August - Mirboo North Library

For more information on the program, visit: [www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/grants](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/grants)

### REQUEST FOR TENDERS

Council is seeking submissions from qualified companies/applicants for the following:

### RFT/425 - Design and Construct - Korumburra Recreation Reserve; Multipurpose Synthetic Training Facility

Tenders close 2.00pm AEST on Tuesday 12 August 2025.

Documentation is available from Council's e-Tendering Portal

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# What are we signing ourselves up for? asks Cr Rae

THE South Gippsland Shire Council has put a stop to signing agreements with external organisations, like the Gippsland Climate Change Network, before getting a proper briefing on what they're committing themselves and their ratepayers to providing.

And, at the initiative of Cr Scott Rae, they've also called for a summary of all the active Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) Council is currently engaged in with external organisations or proposing to enter in, and specifically what it is costing ratepayers within the next six months.

Stands to reason, right?

Cr Scott Rae argued at last week's council meeting that the recommendation, to authorise council's CEO to sign such an agreement with the Gippsland Climate Change Network, came out of the blue.

"I had not seen this item or this group before," he said of his reaction to the relevant item in the July council meeting agenda.

"You need to explore what you're doing and what you are signing the community up for, the ratepayers," he added.

He stated that a report into the implications of signing the MOU with the Gippsland Climate Change Network is needed to enable councillors to make an informed decision, saying the report should detail benefits and costs, with a unanimous councillor vote backing his call, albeit with Cr John Kennedy on leave.

Cr Rae later put forward a separate Notice of Motion requesting a broad assessment of council's MOU arrangements within six months; the timeframes, funding commitments and operational costs to support the MOUs, with that



**Cr Scott Rae was successful in his efforts for councillors to be given more information in relation to council's MOU arrangements.** A02\_2925

request also carried by a unanimous vote of councillors.

The Gippsland Alliance for Climate Action (GACA) comprises five Gippsland councils, with South Gippsland Shire Council one of its founding members and the driving force in its establishment.

GACA was created with the aim of member councils partnering on the development and delivery of projects to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions and adapt communities to a changing climate.

Gippsland Climate Change Network (GCCN), with which South Gippsland Shire Council signed a previous, now expired, MOU, is the auspicing body for GACA.

Council notes in its July meeting agenda that the proposed MOU differs little from the previous one.

"The updated MOU for the upcoming five-year period largely

mirrors the existing MOU with some minor changes around staffing," it is stated.

The report to council maintains that being a part of GACA has provided extensive benefits, with the involvement of GCCN as auspicer working well.

Development of a neighbourhood battery business case and a successful grant application for a back-up battery at the Korumburra Indoor Recreation Centre, and the commencement of electric vehicle transition planning for council's vehicle fleet, are a couple of the projects the shire highlights as flowing from GACA's first three years.

While electing to remain part of GACA will cost \$63,000 over five years, or \$12,600 per annum, the council reports notes that financial benefits flow from membership, including a grant of \$261,944 for the aforementioned back-up battery.

The prospect of future

benefits is also highlighted.

"Council is in line for an additional \$36,900 in funds due to a pending grant application by GACA and other greenhouse alliances to the Disaster Ready Fund for the Reducing Climate Risk in Regions project," it is stated.

Cr Nathan Hersey spoke in support of Cr Rae's call to hold off on entering the MOU arrangement with GCCN, saying he wants to be sure it is a good use of ratepayer money.

"I'm sure there are benefits in there, but I need to know more about it," he said.

While conceding councillors have received a written report on GACA's initial three years and that it shows there are clear benefits to membership, Cr Sarah Gilligan still backed the call for further information, with the possibility of joining an alternative climate alliance.

Bass Coast Shire Council continues to be a member of South East Councils Climate Change Alliance (SECCCA), which it joined prior to the formation of GACA.

However, South Gippsland Shire Council notes annual membership of SECCCA is considerably more costly than GACA, being between \$35,000 and \$75,000 depending on chosen options.

Councillors were thankful of Cr Rae's initiative.

"It's a good step in the right direction so we're all aware of what it is we're agreeing to and to make sure it aligns clearly with our strategic direction," Cr Hersey said when backing Cr Rae's motion.

Cr Gilligan also suggested periodic reviews of council's MOUs.



HELLO South Gippsland.  
Last week, Deputy Mayor Sarah Gilligan, CEO Allison Jones, Director Strategic Partnerships Christian Stefani and I enjoyed the chance to meet with Danny O'Brien, Member for Gippsland South and Leader of The Nationals and Melina Bath, Member for Eastern Victoria. This was a fantastic opportunity to continue discussing South Gippsland's advocacy priorities, and the challenges and opportunities facing our region.

## Community Grant Sessions

Council's Community Grants Program is open until Sunday 31 August. To help prepare your application, Council is running four information sessions. These sessions provide an opportunity to learn more about the grants program and how they can support your community group.

Pop in to speak to Council's Grants Officer about the program between 10am and 3pm at one of the following locations:

- Monday, July 28: Leongatha Library
- Tuesday, July 29: Korumburra Library
- Monday, August 4: Foster Library
- Thursday, August 7: Mirboo North Library

## Hard Waste Collection Bookings

Hard waste collection bookings are now open until Sunday, August 31. Hard waste collection in South Gippsland is a 'user pays' service, meaning only those that use the service pay for it. This service provides convenience, particularly for those that are unable to attend a transfer station themselves. Collections will take place during October and November. [www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/hardwaste](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/hardwaste)

## Leongatha Fire Brigade Awards

I had the pleasure of attending the Leongatha Fire Brigade awards night on Saturday. This is an annual event that recognises the committed service of a number of Brigade members. A big congratulations to all award winners and thank you for the incredible service you provide our community.

## July Council Meeting

Last Wednesday, Council held its July Meeting, where we covered a wide range of important topics. At this meeting, Council adopted the proposal to rezone and subdivide at 108 and 110 Parr Street, Leongatha. This will be submitted to the Minister for Planning for approval. The amendment will result in approximately 171 lots in Leongatha, which is a small step in helping to address the shortage of available housing in our region.

The Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund (ESVF) was also discussed. Council maintains its opposition to the proposed levy, while acknowledging the Victorian Government's intention to proceed. The current model of different calculations between agricultural and commercial rates unfairly places the load on our regional producers and we are seeking equity. We are also seeking that all funds collected are fully reinvested into emergency services within those same communities.

We are happy to continue pushing back against the request for Council to collect funds on behalf of the Victorian Government, without our ratepayers directly reaping the benefits from this.

# Funding shortfall delays Elmores Road sealing plans

ELMORES Road in Korumburra will remain unsealed for some time, with councillors backing a recommendation not to support a request calling for it to be sealed, arguing that while they would like to see that happen, there isn't funding available.

The request came in the form of a joint letter tabled on behalf of Robert Paterson and Leanne Thompson at May's South Gippsland Shire Council meeting.

The joint letter to council invited residents and owners of 32 properties to submit statements explaining the impact of the condition of Elmores Road

on them, their families and properties, with 25 statements received, 21 from residents of Elmores Road and four from adjacent properties.

Council officers state that the unsealed 1.62 kilometre section of Elmores Road would need to be widened from five metres to between seven and eight metres, with the installation of drainage and possibly kerb and channel required.

"Council does not have an ability to fund these substantial works and there is no allocation in the long-term financial plan to accommodate this type of project," it is noted, adding that there is an opportunity to

make a budget submission on the matter next year.

It is stated in council's July meeting agenda that the sealing project called for in the joint letter is on council's Gravel to Seal request list.

Cr Sarah Gilligan outlined the financial challenges council faces in trying to meet the expectations of residents regarding the shire's roads.

"I understand that there are so many roads across South Gippsland that ideally would be sealed; however, we barely have enough money to maintain the gravel roads let alone the cost of sealing them," she said.

Cr Gilligan stressed the potential for residents who desperately want their roads sealed to undertake a special charges scheme, which means the cost is shared between council and residents.

Council's shortfall of funding for roads was also highlighted by Cr Nathan Hersey.

"My fear is that council could spend its entire budget on roads and the roads problem wouldn't be fixed and everything else would go down the gurgler," he said, noting the significant number of assets council must maintain and the fact it has 1200 kilometres of unsealed road.

# New Council charges for community and sports land use

SOUTH Gippsland sporting and recreational activity groups that use council land will be subject to charges determined by Council under new legislation.

The new charges, which are in lieu of rates, will also impact agricultural showgrounds and may include property owners who haven't before had to pay such charges.

Amounts will be determined by the amount of benefit to the community derived from Council-owned lands and the service that Council provides, on an annual basis during the budget process.

Services include, but are not limited to, maintenance and development of infrastructure,

parks and open space management, environmental sustainability initiatives, emergency management and public safety, library and cultural services and economic development and tourism support.

Services that are levied separately, such as kerbside waste collection, will not be included in the fee.

"The amount of benefit to the community derived from the lands is based on an assessment of community benefit provided, including sporting programmes, cultural promotions, social interaction, environmental benefits, community development and meeting places, and these are all such important things for

our communities to operate; and we are trying to find ways where we can actually charge this in a way where it's actually encouraging, not inhibiting communities from getting engaged with all of those benefits," said Cr Sarah Gilligan, in last Wednesday's Council meeting.

While Cr Nathan Hersey mentioned that the new charges will ensure fairness across different types of groups.

"Eligible or most eligible cultural and recreational properties don't pay standard council rates. Instead of regular rates, in this policy, if adopted, this will allow Council to apply a charge in lieu of rates. That's just getting up to

date with what's contemporary, what's accepted, what's best practice. Which allows us to determine through a separate and transparent process, what should be applied there."

Council will be contacting community groups directly affected by the new charges, who have not previously been rated.

Property owners wishing to appeal Council's decision regarding the charge may make a written submission to Council as part of the annual budget process or appeal to the relevant Minister and seek a determination if aggrieved by the amount determined by Council.



# Putting down and picking up

By Daniel Prior, Partner, Prior Law

A LITTLE note left on my desk on a small box of medals belonging to a deceased: “Idk about these”.

I had no idea what the message meant. Then, the same staff member said she was “crashing out”. Alarmed, I asked her what was wrong. A look of bemusement in reply – “you don’t know what crashing means do you?” I confessed I hadn’t the foggiest. “Crashing out” I was told, referred to, amongst other things getting really stressed about something. But in this case, the phrase was being used in an exaggerated way – because the only thing wrong was an upload of photos taking longer than expected.

I asked my 12 year old about it. He laughed and gave me some more detail about how it could be used. I comfortably informed him that I would restrict myself to various forms of witticisms and words I learnt before I was 25.

It did occur to me that you never feel quite so old as when you don’t understand a conversation between adults who apparently speak the same language.

But, of course, even when people talk the same language, people don’t understand each other all the time.

Last month I wrote about needing to understand where a person is coming from, what their perspective is, what their life experience has been – and how that will inform their approach to any particular problem. A crucial part of this making sure that people are picking up what is being put down.

When putting down, the lawyer, or indeed anyone providing an explanation, must do so in a manner that can be understood. Lawyers have long been criticised for their “legalese” – that form of writing and talking that makes a legal problem sound infinitely more complicated than it need to be. For quite some time most lawyers have been working to the “plain English” hymn book – writing in a way that uses punctuation, shorter sentences and only English words and not terms of “Art” derived from French and Latin. The use of archaic language, or language that has passed its used by date, is also something to be avoided.

Where lawyers fail to achieve clear communication, they aren’t putting down anything that can be picked up.

Sometimes the concept itself is quite complicated and the temptation for the lawyer is to demonstrate one’s mastery of the issue by writing in a way that fails to explain the issue appropriately to the audience for which it is written. Admittedly, sometimes the explanation cannot be easily done in writing. In those circumstances, the explanation just needs to be done in person. The solicitor should recommend the same, but if they don’t, the client should request to see their solicitor so that the issue is fully understood.

Moreover (!), there is no point only being the put downer. A solicitor client relationship needs some picking up by the solicitor as well. The importance of picking up what is being put down can manifest in many ways – and a good lawyer will be able to pick up the social clues that guides them to ask the next question, or a different question, or change topic completely.

Sometimes the “look” from the client will mean that they have no idea what has just been discussed and you need to start again – from another angle – finding the path towards comprehension of the issue at hand.

Picking up what is being put down, is itself a phase that found itself in the first reported dictionary from Australia, James Hardy Vaux’s *A New and Comprehensive Vocabulary of the Flash Language*, published in 1819: to put a person down to any thing, is to apprise him of, elucidate, or explain to him. The “Flash” language was that of the convicts, used in Australia, derived from the British underworld, and carried to Australia as a means of having conversations without their Guards having any idea what was going on.

In the end, it is not the words that are the issue. It is the comprehension that matters. Our language, more Americanised than ever before, has always been fluid, with Australians showing a certain penchant for adopting new language, idioms and acronyms. It is up to the users of the language, including solicitors, to ensure those listening, comprehend.

Having reflected on the issue, and reviewing the note left by my staff member, I thought “*I don’t know*” what it means... until I googled it.



Subdivision Layout Plan for 108 & 110 Parr Street, Leongatha.

# Path appears clear for Leongatha development

THE development of 171 residential lots in Leongatha has moved towards realisation, with councillors voting on Wednesday to support rezoning of land at 108 and 110 Parr Street from Farming Zone to General Residential Zone – Schedule 1.

They voted unanimously to adopt the relevant Planning Scheme Amendment and submit it to the Minister for Planning for approval.

While Cr Sarah Gilligan expressed reservations, she elected to support the rezoning in the interests of allowing the development of needed housing.

She remarked that while much of council’s work in recent years has been directed at advising people not to build in floodplains and considering planning decisions to reflect that, this proposed development is situated along Colalition Creek.

While council’s removal of parts of a flood overlay in relation to the land concerned rang alarm bells for Cr Gilligan, she said West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority and other relevant agencies have been involved in the process.

“I have to trust the science,” Cr Gilligan said of the information received, noting the buffer zone factored into the development to reduce flooding risks to houses.

“Larger lots are proposed along the Coalition Creek frontage to address potential flood risk and ensure any future dwellings can be located outside the Land Subject to Inundation Overlay,” council stated.

“There are some concerns in this subdivision, but I support it because Leongatha has to grow and we need to put houses somewhere,” Cr Gilligan said.

Cr Bron Beach noted a small number of people provided feedback on the prospective development, saying some raised concerns about accessibility, and additional traffic on the roads if the project proceeds.

“But I also look at those long-term benefits of all this additional housing for Leongatha, which is, I think, a fantastic thing for our future,” she said, adding that “The housing crisis is real.”

Cr Clare Williams stressed the appropriate process has been followed, saying the proposal was put forward during the previous council term.

Council notes that the amendment, which councillors have voted to support, was publicly exhibited in November 2024, attracting 12 submissions.

“As some of the objections were not resolved, the matter was referred to an independent planning panel,” council states, noting the panel supported the amendment and recommended it be adopted, subject to a minor modification to a permit condition.

As well as rezoning the land, the amendment removes the Environmental Significance Overlay – Schedule 2, and the Erosion Management Overlay – Schedule 1 and adjusts the extent of the Land Subject to Inundation Overlay affecting the site.

## Rooney Street set for Linton Court expansion

THE process is in motion for the disused Rooney Street in Foster to be stripped of its road status and made available for sale to Linton Court Elderly People’s Homes Society to develop a defensible space beside a planned expansion of the retirement village.

While South Gippsland Shire councillors voted unanimously on Wednesday to support the discontinuance of Rooney Street, community members are invited to make written submissions on the proposal, with those due by 5pm on August 19.

Should no submissions be received, a road discontinuance notice for the street will be published in the Victorian Government Gazette.

Anyone making written submissions will be given the opportunity to speak in support of them.

“Linton Court Elderly People’s Homes Society has applied for a planning permit for the expansion of their accommodation, and the Country Fire Authority has included a condition that requires the development to have a defensible space,” council explains.

The discontinuance of Rooney Street’s road status would clear the way for the sale of the land by the State Government to the Society.

Cr Scott Rae described Rooney Street as “a strip of disused road”, throwing his support behind council helping facilitate the sale of the land for the Linton Court expansion project.

“In a world where we don’t have a lot of social and affordable housing, they go above and beyond,” he said of the retirement village, happy with the prospect of more units being built there.

Cr Sarah Gilligan also spoke in favour of discontinuing the road and ultimately enabling the provision of more housing at Linton Court.

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# Council's hands tied over tree removals and building in flood inundation zones

By Bruce Wardley

SEVEN out of nine planning applications this month in the Island Ward of Bass Coast Council have either involved the removal of trees in vegetation protection overlays or building developments on land subject to inundation.

Bass Council approved the removal of four trees in Koala Street and the removal of one and two trees elsewhere in Cowes despite the areas being subject to vegetation protection overlays.

The removal of six trees in a vegetation protection overlay was also approved for Surf Beach, and the removal of vegetation in an area with environmental significance and significant landscape overlays in Rhyll.

Council approved an extension to a dwelling subject to an inundation overlay in Silverleaves and the construction of a dwelling and removal of vegetation in a vegetation protection overlay and land subject to inundation also in Silverleaves.

In Grantville, a two-lot subdivision was approved on land subject to inundation.

Cr Jon Temby said Council was consistently accepting the removal of native vegetation in vegetation protection overlay zones and approving building developments in areas subject to inundation overlays.

"If we're removing trees we're damaging the environment," said Cr Temby.



Vegetation protection overlay no protection for trees in Koala Street in Cowes

The current legislation is inadequate, according to Cr Temby because it is based on sea level rises that are going to be exceeded and while Council does not have a legal responsibility to stop people building in inundation overlay zones he would be keen to see some method of informing people in those areas of the importance of vegetation and maintaining canopy cover.

Secondly, if they are in an inundation zone Cr Temby said, Council had a moral

responsibility to let them know that their house may well be uninsurable and possibly uninhabitable in the foreseeable future.

Cr Jan Thompson said changes were needed to better protect our environment.

Bothered by the removal of trees, Cr Tim O'Brien said he was surprised how little power they had as a council, and as councillors to affect these decisions.

"We are caught in a bind with the State Government

planning policy," he said.

"Would a sensible person approve a construction in Silverleaves which is subject to inundation?" asked Cr O'Brien.

"Would the sensible person approve the removal of vegetation and increasingly turn this beautiful area into what will look like a densely populated suburb of Melbourne?"

Cr O'Brien said a sensible person probably would not.

"We approve this with an apology," he said.

"This does not allow us to protect the character of the places in which we live."

Cr Mat Morgan said the State Government was dramatically underestimating the amount of sea level rise that we are going to experience in the coming decades.

"To allow people to develop when we know that those houses will be uninsurable and underwater in our lifetimes is disgraceful," said Cr Morgan.

Cr Temby said he was pleased to see Bass Coast Shire achieve well over seven per cent better than the average for other councils across Victoria in dealing with planning applications in prompt periods of time.

Bass Coast Shire last month determined 93 per cent of applications within the statutory timeframe, which was well above the state average.

Council planning officers were congratulated and commended for their work.

## O'Brien to oppose forced entry to private property

THE Nationals Member for Gippsland South, Danny O'Brien, will oppose legislation proposed by the State Government that will expand the powers of government officials to access private property. The National Electricity (Victoria) Amendment (VicGrid Stage 2 Reform) Bill 2025, currently before Parliament, will allow authorised officers to use force to enter private land for the purpose of electricity transmission works, including removing locks and opening gates without the consent of landowners. Under the proposed legislation, individuals could face penalties of up to \$12,210, and businesses up to \$48,842, for obstructing or delaying authorised entry. Other offences include failing to provide identification or interfering with notices of entry.

"These new powers are a significant departure from current arrangements and naturally raise concerns for many Gippsland landholders," Mr O'Brien said.

"While I support investment in energy infrastructure, it's critical that property rights are respected and that landholders are properly consulted.

"This Bill highlights Labor is steamrolling farmers and other landholders in its blind rush to renewables.

"A government that respects rural Victorians would not be introducing legislation like this, on top of taking away their right to appeal against these projects at VCAT.

"The Nationals and Liberals will hand back these rights to rural people, as well as reintroducing a two-kilometre buffer zone between wind turbines and homes."

Mr O'Brien said the cumulative effect of these changes and Labor's ham-fisted approach to energy developments had caused angst among Gippsland property owners.

"Gippslanders understand the need for energy transition and resilient infrastructure, but they rightly expect transparency, respect, and proper consultation throughout the process. I urge the Government to take these concerns seriously and work collaboratively with regional communities to ensure that infrastructure development is balanced with the rights and responsibilities of those who live and work on the land."

LEONGATHA SECONDARY COLLEGE

# SENIOR SCHOOL

COURSE INFORMATION EVENING

**Tuesday, 29th July, Senior Building**

Students and their parents/guardians are invited to join us for an information evening aimed at assisting current Year 9, 10 and 11 students with their course selections for 2026.

Join us for a night of presentations in the Senior Building which will outline Senior School expectations and subject selection advice.

At the conclusion of the presentation guests are invited to our Subject Expo. Here you will meet our Heads of Study who can answer more specific enquiries regarding subjects and pathways.

Representatives from local VET providers will also be in attendance.

**Year 10 @ 6.00pm**

**Year 11 @ 6.45pm**

**Year 12 @ 7.30pm**

**Light supper provided**

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Parents, Carers and Students are invited to attend one of our information sessions to learn more about Senior Pathways options available to students at Bass Coast College (BCC)

All information sessions are open to current BCC students and any prospective new students for the 2026 school year

**FOR CURRENT YEAR 10 STUDENTS**

**FOCUS: YEAR 11 & 12 @ BCC**

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- SUBJECT SELECTION PROCESS

**WED 23<sup>rd</sup> JULY**

**THE UNION THEATRE - WONTHAGGI (ARTS CENTRE - GRAHAM ST.)**

**DOORS OPEN @ 5.45pm**

**6.30pm START**

**FOR CURRENT YEAR 9 STUDENTS**

**FOCUS: YEAR 10 @ BCC**

- SENIOR CAMPUS - SCHOOL TOURS
- YEAR 10 ELECTIVE PROGRAM

**TUE 29<sup>th</sup> or WED 30<sup>th</sup> JULY**

**WONTHAGGI (SNR) CAMPUS (McKENZIE ST. - SCHOOL LIBRARY)**

**CAMPUS TOURS @ 5.30pm**

**6.30pm START**

FOR MORE INFO PLEASE VISIT: [www.basscoast.vic.edu.au](http://www.basscoast.vic.edu.au)









Senior Constable Lees and Sgt Ryan were out and about in the ANPR Volkswagen Passat on Friday, even taking time to wave to some nearby children, whilst scanning for offenders. C01\_2925

# Set to catch the criminals

YOU raised your concerns, and Bass Coast Police listened.

The new Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) vehicle, on loan to Bass Coast general duties police, is already catching criminals.

“The vehicle is on loan from Knox,” Sergeant Ryan explained, noting the deployment was driven not only by local police but also by a concerned community.

“It is a valuable tool that targets crime offenders as well as traffic offenders.”

Functioning like any police vehicle, the Volkswagen Passat is equipped with advanced technology that enhances police capabilities on patrol, scanning every vehicle it passes. Between Wonthaggi and

Inverloch alone, that could mean scanning over 200 vehicles.

“We are focusing on the issues that are present in our communities, which include stolen vehicles, stolen number plates and people who are simply up to no good.

“This vehicle doesn’t replace good policing skills, the type of skills built over many years with your eyes and senses, but it’s an incredibly valuable tool that complements and enhances these skills.”

Whether parked or on the move, the vehicle emits an audible alert when it detects a vehicle of interest – this could include stolen plates, a stolen or unregistered vehicle, or a vehicle linked to a known offender.

While still capable of detecting speeding vehicles, its primary focus is enhancing community safety.

The vehicle has to date predominantly been utilised around Cape Paterson, Dalyston and main thoroughfare areas near Wonthaggi, including trawling shopping centre car parks and residential areas; however, there has also been one additional community service to come out of the neighbourhood policing scans.

“It allows us to quickly identify unregistered vehicles parked in front of properties. While this often points to stolen or dumped vehicles, sometimes it’s just a regular car. We can knock on the door and let the owner know

– often, they’re unaware their rego has expired.”

As a reminder, though not as easy as checking your windscreen like yesteryear, you can easily check your rego status through the VicRoads website or myVicRoads app.

The vehicle is also available for police from across Bass Coast and South Gippsland to use and will be deployed in areas where people are simply up to no good.

Additionally, the vehicle’s technology syncs directly with police databases, meaning officers no longer need to return to the station to transfer data. It’s also fitted with an in-car camera.

And according to Sgt Ryan, “it’s also a very nice vehicle to drive.”

## Upcoming events at your local library

THERE’S plenty happening at your local libraries in the coming weeks, with a range of programs across the Bass Coast and South Gippsland regions. Here’s a look at what’s on!

On Friday, August 8, the Wonthaggi Library will host a Cuppa with a Cop session with Wonthaggi’s Proactive Policing Unit. These popular events offer a great opportunity for community members to ask questions, voice concerns, and get to know their local police in a relaxed setting.

Later in the month, on Saturday, August 23, the Wonthaggi Library welcomes The Invy Baker for a special Author Talk. Baker Grego is a professional chef with over 25 years of experience and the owner of The Invy Baker, a beloved micro bakery in the heart of Inverloch. He will share his story and introduce his new cookbook, ‘Bring Home the Bakery’.

For film lovers, the Leongatha Library will host its monthly Tuesday Night Film Screening on Tuesday, August 26. The Mirboo North Library follows with its own Monthly Movie session on Wednesday, August 27. Bring along your favourite snacks and a cosy cushion or blanket, settle in and enjoy!

August is also an exciting time in the library calendar because it’s Book Week (August 16 to 23). This year’s theme, ‘Book an Adventure,’ invites readers of all ages to explore the joy of stories. During the week, the Inverloch Library will run a library scavenger hunt, designed to encourage reading comprehension and creative thinking. Over at the Leongatha Library, a Dress Up Storytime will take place on Friday, August 22, where families are invited to come dressed as their favourite storybook characters and celebrate the magic of reading together. More Book Week activities are expected to pop up throughout our libraries, so be sure to keep an eye out!

In addition to these events, Myli libraries continue to offer their regular weekly sessions, including Storytime, Baby Rhyme Time, and a variety of social groups. For full details and to book your spot, visit [myli.au/events](http://myli.au/events) or drop into your local library. We’d love to see you!

## Expression of Interest: Board Directors

### Help shape a measurably healthier Gippsland.

Gippsland Primary Health Network (Gippsland PHN) is seeking expressions of interest from suitably qualified applicants to fill four upcoming vacancies on the Gippsland PHN Board. The Board Director positions, two elected and two appointed, commence in November 2025.

Gippsland PHN is looking for individuals with the qualifications, knowledge, experience, and attributes that will contribute to the organisation achieving its vision of a measurably healthier Gippsland. We are looking for strategic thinkers with a strong commitment to improving health outcomes across our diverse region. If you are innovative, community-focused, values-driven, and ready to contribute your experience at the Board level, we encourage you to apply.

### About the role

As a Board Director, you’ll contribute to identifying new opportunities, guiding strategy, and ensuring that our work continues to make a meaningful impact across Gippsland.

Gippsland PHN Board Directors are responsible for the governance and strategic direction of Gippsland PHN. This includes oversight of our legal, financial and statutory obligations, and ensuring compliance with our funding and regulatory requirements.

We welcome applications from people of all backgrounds with governance expertise. We are committed to ensuring our Board reflects the diversity of the communities we serve. If you’re ready for a rewarding challenge and want to help us achieve our vision, we encourage you to apply.

### HOW TO APPLY

For full position information and application documents, scan the QR code, or visit: <https://gphn.org.au/eoi-board-directors-2025/>

For more information, please contact Amanda Proposch (Company Secretary) by email at [company.secretary@gphn.org.au](mailto:company.secretary@gphn.org.au) or by phone on 0447 223 919.

Applications close 11:59pm (AEST) Sunday, 3 August 2025.

Please note: Successful candidates will be required to undergo background checks, including a criminal history check, and must hold a valid Director ID.



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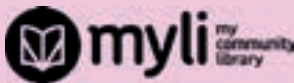


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Melina Bath, Glenn Arnold, and Danny O'Brien address the Inverloch erosion.

## A coastal erosion crisis continues

THE State Government has dismissed the Inverloch community's urgent concerns over coastal erosion, failing to answer direct questions raised in state parliament by The Nationals' Melina Bath.

Ms Bath berated the Minister for Environment, Steve Dimopoulos, for his evasiveness.

"Inverloch residents seek transparency, but Labor continues to deny them," said Ms Bath.

"After receiving a \$3.3 million Commonwealth grant three years ago, the State Government has continued to drag its feet on coastal erosion.

"Minister Dimopoulos won't even commit to releasing the final Cape to Cape Resilience Plan before Stage 1 works begin, nor will he guarantee the completion of the mitigation works by the end of spring.

"The community is right to demand clarity on the project's direction and scope after the 2019 Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report warned that

beach renourishment and dune building are only short-term fixes.

"Thousands of residents signed the Inverloch Surf Life-saving Club's petition that I tabled and debated in state parliament, rejecting the draft Cape to Cape Resilience plan as unrepresentative of community views.

"It's entirely reasonable for locals to expect their feedback to be accurately reflected in the final plan."

Ms Bath said the community is watching with growing alarm as dunes collapse and assets are threatened by winter king tides and storm surges.

"Community groups are working in good faith with the Department of Energy, Environment Climate Action, it's time the State Government showed them respect.

"Inverloch residents reject retreat – they want a long-term strategy and funding for robust engineering solutions to help protect the coastline and infrastructure."

# Funding needed for Venus Bay traffic calming measures

WHILE South Gippsland Shire Council supports the need for traffic calming measures in Venus Bay, it must secure external funding to carry out required work.

Council is currently developing designs for such measures at the locations identified in a petition from Venus Bay resident Mark Radley that contains 339 signatures and was tabled at the May council meeting.

The petition identified three key risk locations for which signatories want council to design and construct traffic calming measures.

The first of those is Lees Road between the bend east of Mer-kani Avenue and 30 metres east of Game Street on the bend.

'The Mad Mile' (Lees Road) entry to the second estate, on the bend just before Anita Crescent, is another location identified.

Lastly, the petition called for the speed limit on Lees Road in the third estate to be dropped from 80km/h to 50km/h or for council to consider traffic calming measures there.

Council acknowledges "speed issues having been raised in Venus Bay, particularly on Lees Road through the first estate", and outlined the actions it is taking to address concerns.

"To respond to these issues, council has been developing concept designs for speed treatments on Lees Road, as well as Canterbury Road, with a view to propose the treatments as a project for potential funding under a State or Federal program.



The blind corner on Lees Road near Game Street is one of the safety concerns in Venus Bay.

Council has already engaged with representatives of the Victorian Government's Department of Transport and the Transport Accident Commission, seeking to apply for grant funding through the Safe Local Roads and Streets Program.

"Should funding through the program be successful, treatments could be delivered in Venus Bay within the next two years," council states.

As a Venus Bay resident, Cr Sarah Gilligan remarked on the impressive level of support Mr Radley's petition attracted and said that should funding be secured to put the desired traffic calming measures in place, it will be positive news for the town.

Cr Brad Snell also spoke in

support of the call to improve the safety of the identified Venus Bay roads.

Mr Radley welcomed the fact council is pursuing safety measures for Venus Bay.

"Everyone in Venus Bay will be a winner with the eventual installation of traffic calming measures in select high-danger zones," he said, adding that many locals have stories of being tailgated or overtaken dangerously.

"It will mean safer driving on certain roads where speed limits are often ignored, as well as a better environment for cyclists, joggers, kids on bikes, parents with infants, dog walkers and people on mobility scooters," Mr Radley remarked, saying wildlife will also benefit.

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# Public notice of intention to declare a special charge for the purpose of constructing and improving roads and drainage along The Esplanade (Sunderland Bay Road to Zephyr Court), Sunderland Bay



In accordance with a resolution of Bass Coast Shire Council (Council) made at the 16 July 2025 Council Meeting, notice is given that at the 19 November 2025 Council Meeting, Council proposes to declare a Special Charge (Special Charge) under section 163(1) of the *Local Government Act 1989* (Act), and otherwise according to law, for the purpose of defraying costs and expenses incurred and/or to be incurred by Council in relation to the construction and improvement of roads and drainage along The Esplanade (Sunderland Bay Road to Zephyr Court), Sunderland Bay situated within the municipal district of the Council (Street), such works involving the full upgrade of roads and drainage, including the provision of road pavement and sealing works, the provision of underground surface and storm water drainage in the Street, the provision of kerb and channelling, nature strip works, road narrowings for local traffic management and other ancillary works necessary to complete the construction of the project known as the 'The Esplanade (Sunderland Bay Road to Zephyr Court) Special Charge Scheme' otherwise in accordance with the concept plans approved by Council at the 16 July 2025 Council Meeting (Scheme). So far as can be reasonably ascertained from available records of the Council and can reasonably be concluded, Council has ascertained that the roads or any component of the roads for which it is proposed the Special Charge will be declared have not previously been constructed by way of a special rate or charge.

The criteria which form the basis of the Special Charge are the ownership of rateable land in the Scheme area based on equally sharing the costs of some portions, front or side boundaries of the properties in the Scheme (modified where appropriate) for some portions and the area of the properties in the scheme (discounted where appropriate) for some portions which about the roads to be constructed or upgraded and which rateable land is situated within the geographical area of the proposed declaration are included.

Council considers that each rateable property included in the Scheme area that is liable to pay the Special Charge will receive a special benefit through the provision of proper, safe and suitable roads, drainage and property services and there will be a special benefit to the persons liable to pay the Special Charge because there will be a benefit over and above, or greater than, the benefit to persons who are not subject to the Special Charge and, directly and indirectly, the works to be provided will enhance or maintain the value and the use, occupation and enjoyment of the properties included in the Scheme, through the provision of proper, safe and suitable roads and drainage and property services.

In proposing the declaration of the Special Charge, Council is performing functions and exercising powers in relation to the peace, order and good government of the municipal district of the Council, in particular the provision of proper, safe and suitable roads, drainage and property services in the area for which it is proposed the Special Charge will be declared. The total cost of the performance of the functions and the exercise of the powers referable to the Scheme (and the amount which the Council intends to declare and levy) is an amount of \$1,741,550 being the estimated cost of the Scheme works to be undertaken) with Council intending to declare and levy by way of the Special Charge an amount of \$499,128, but excluding other related costs (which will be borne solely by Council) totalling \$108,000 for the contribution towards downstream drainage works.

The Special Charge will commence on and from the making of any Council decision to declare the Special Charge and will remain in force until such time as the Special Charge has been paid in full.

The Special Charge will be declared and assessed in accordance with the amounts which have been calculated and appear alongside each property in the Schedule attached to and forming a part of this proposed declaration of Special Charge (being Schedule 2), such amounts having been calculated based on both a road component cost and a drainage component cost as referable to a combined method of sharing some costs equally and to the length of the frontage and/or sideage of each property included in the Scheme (for the road component) and the area of each property included in the Scheme (for the drainage component).

The Special Charge will be levied by Council sending a notice of levy to the persons who are liable to pay the Special Charge. Incentives will be given for payment before the due date for payment as set out below. The levy notice to be sent will include four options for payment which are as follows –

- (a) Payment Option 1: Lump Sum Payment – upfront payment of the Special Charge in full within 30 days of the date of issue of an invoice, with a 5% discount and no interest.
- (b) Payment Option 2: Lump Sum Payment – upfront payment of the Special Charge in full within 90 days of issue of an invoice, with no discount and no interest.
- (c) Payment Option 3: Instalment Payment Plan – payment of the Special Charge in 40 quarterly instalments over 10 years, with interest. Interest will be charged on the reducing balance of the principal each quarter at the rate of 1% above the estimated borrowing costs of the Council. If a ratepayer is late with payment of an instalment, penalty interest will be charged on the balance of principal due each quarter.
- (d) Payment Option 4: Hardship Payment Plan - a payment plan, extended beyond 10 years to a maximum of 20 years, tailored to the individual needs of the ratepayer upon receipt of a completed Financial Hardship Application Form. Interest will be charged on the reducing balance of the principal each quarter up to the maximum rate of 1% above the estimated borrowing costs of Council. This option is subject to Council assessing the property owner as experiencing financial hardship, in accordance with the Council's Hardship and Financial Hardship Policy.

Ratepayers who elect to pay by instalments will receive subsequent quarterly instalment notices.

Because the performance of the functions and exercise of the powers in respect of which the Special Charge is to be declared and levied relates substantially to capital works, the Special Charge will be levied on the basis of an instalment plan being available to ratepayers (being the 'Payment Option 3: Instalment Payment Plan' or the 'Payment Option 4: Hardship Payment Plan'). Quarterly instalments will include a component for reasonable interest costs, which will be charged at the rate of 1% above the estimated borrowing costs of Council in respect of the construction of the roads and the provision of the drainage works.

Council will consider all and any cases of financial (and other) hardship and may negotiate other payment options for the Special Charge, in accordance with Council's Hardship and Financial Hardship Policy.

For the purposes of having determined the total amount of the Special Charge to be levied under the Scheme, Council considers and formally determines for the purposes of sections 163(2)(a), (2A) and (2B) of the Act (and in accordance with the Benefit Ratio Statement adopted by Council) that the estimated proportion of the total benefits of the Scheme to which the performance of the functions and exercise of powers relate (including all special benefits and community benefits) that will accrue as special benefits to all of the persons who are liable to pay the Special Charge is in a ratio of 0.2866 or 28.66%.

Any declaration of the Special Charge will expire if the Special Charge is not levied to each person liable to pay it within 12 months after the day on which the declaration which relates to the Special Charge is made. Copies of the proposed declaration of Special Charge, a detailed plan of the Scheme area, a list of the rateable properties included in the Scheme and the amount of the Special Charge payable by each property included in the Scheme are available for inspection at the offices of Bass Coast Shire Council, 76 McBride Avenue, Wonthaggi during normal business hours and on the internet website of Council until 5pm on 17 September 2025.

Any person may make a submission about the proposed declaration to the Council under sections 163A and 223 of the Act. In addition, any person who will be required to pay the Special Charge to be imposed by the proposed declaration has a right to object to the proposed declaration under section 163B of the Act. Submissions and/or objections must be received by the Council by 5pm on 17 September 2025. Submissions and/or objections must be in writing and addressed and sent by mail to the Chief Executive Officer, Bass Coast Shire Council, PO Box 118, Wonthaggi VIC 3995. In accordance with sections 163A, 163B and 223 of the Act, the Council will consider all written submissions and take into account all objections that are received by the closing date.

Any person who has made a submission under section 223 of the Act may request to be heard in support of their written submission. If such a request is made, the person is entitled to appear in person or to be represented by a person specified in the submission before a Committee appointed by the Council to hear submissions under section 223 of the Act. The day, time and place of the Committee hearing will be advised in writing.

Council will treat all submissions and objections received (and any personal information contained therein) in accordance with its Privacy Policy and with applicable legislation, including the Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014.

Any person requiring further information about the proposed declaration of Special Charge should contact Council's Sustainable Transport and Movement Team on 1300 BCOAST (226 278) or (03) 5671 2211 or email [roadupgrades@basscoast.vic.gov.au](mailto:roadupgrades@basscoast.vic.gov.au).

Greg Box  
Chief Executive officer





Mark & Sylvie's Home care have been named finalists in the HESTA Excellence Awards for "Team Excellence in Aged Care".

## Mark & Sylvie's Home Care finalists for prestigious HESTA Excellence Awards

ATTICUS Health, a leading health-care provider known for its innovative approach and its dedicated home care division, Mark & Sylvie's Home Care, are proud to announce they have been named finalists in the highly esteemed 2025 HESTA Excellence Awards for "Team Excellence in Aged Care."

This national recognition celebrates their groundbreaking work in fully integrating health and social care services for older Australians.

The nomination highlights Atticus Health's unique Simple, Emotive, Aged Care Model (SEAM), a comprehensive system designed to enable seniors to live happily and independently in their own homes for longer. SEAM addresses the long-standing issue of fragmented care by seamlessly connecting General Practitioners, nurses, allied health professionals, personal carers and dedicated Home Care Managers.

"We identified a critical need to bridge the gap between medical and social care, as older patients often struggled with disconnected services," says Dr Floyd Gomes, Founder, CEO, and GP at Atticus Health.

"Our team, including key leaders like Hilde Aschehoug (national operations manager, Mark & Sylvie's Home Care) and Deb Rice (operations manager, Atticus Health), alongside our GPs, allied health professionals and carers, has worked tirelessly to build a truly integrated system. This HESTA nomination is a testament to their unwavering commitment and the profound impact they are having on families across generations."

The impact of SEAM is evident in its remarkable outcomes:

- 92.3per cent client satisfaction on health and wellbeing metrics, as reported in voluntary surveys.
- An exceptionally low voluntary staff attrition rate of 7.5 per cent, significantly below the industry benchmark of 35 per cent, reflecting high workforce satisfaction.
- Rapid growth, with Mark & Sylvie's Home Care expanding from zero to over 210 clients in under three years.
- A strong 4.7 Google rating, with client reviews frequently praising the benefits of integrated care.

Should Atticus Health be successful, the prize money will be invested directly into training motivated personal carers to become accredited Allied Health Assistants, further enhancing the integrated care model and expanding workforce capacity, particularly in rural areas where allied health staff are scarce.



Mirboo North Whole Life Pharmacy & Healthfoods staff celebrated their one year birthday last Friday with the local community. ob07\_2925

## Mirboo North Whole Life Pharmacy and Healthfoods celebrates a year of success

MIRBOO North Whole Life Pharmacy & Healthfoods celebrated their first birthday last Friday with specials, treats, raffles and giveaways for locals on the day.

The community have embraced the new store and staff report it's getting busier each week as locals discover they have access to a wide range of whole foods, pharmacy products and prescriptions, right on their doorstep.

"We have a lot of variety that previously people had to outsource from the (Latrobe) Valley, so it saves them having to just go to the Valley for some of their health food needs or things like that. They can come here and get their scripts and get the stuff that they've been outsourcing from further away," said Tiana Giardina.

"I think it's really been taken on well because we give a lot back to the community. We run a lot of fun things and events and people really get on board."

Supporting locals and giving back to the community has seen the store become a popular and welcoming place for locals, not only to shop but to have a chat and socialise, becoming a community hub of sorts.

On the day of the

celebration, local and regular customer Pat baked slices and treats using products from the whole-foods section, while Rosie from Allembee ran taste tests of jams and sauces she makes and which the store stocks, and local, Joan, was selling her handmade cards, also supported by the store.

Products from other local micro businesses are also welcomed and sold in store.

"We try to take on as many locals as possible. We don't really make any profit, it's just to help support that," explained Tiana.

The pharmacy also partner with and support other organisations within the community, donating items to the local nursing home for their pamper days and donating any excess or best-before foods on a fortnightly basis to the local food bank, also helping to eliminate unnecessary waste.

Regular giveaways and competitions are run, with a colouring competition before Christmas seeing 150 people in the community, from two-year-olds up to a 90-year-old, having a go and filling the shop windows.

"There's a lot that we do here. It's definitely more than just a pharmacy," said Tiana.



Joan tastes some of Rosie's local jams and sauces, which are sold in store at Mirboo North Pharmacy. ob09\_2925



Regular customer and baker, Pat, is given flowers and wine for baking all the treats for the celebration at Mirboo North Pharmacy. ob08\_2925



## 25 years of Legacy service

SOUTH Gippsland Legacy's Krishna Methven was presented with her 25-year certificate recently by president Alex Moon recently.

The Legacy lectern in the photograph holds significance; it was presented to the group on the night Legatee Krish was inducted by then group president Legatee Perry Neill, a skilled woodcrafter who created the lectern himself to mark the 50th anniversary of South Gippsland Legacy, founded in Korumburra.

The shield features the Legacy

logo and a wreath crafted from scales from the Lone Pine tree in Coleman Park, which was planted by Legatees. As Legatee Perry explains, the wreath circle is incomplete as Legacy's work is ongoing.

**LEFT: A twenty-five-year service certificate was awarded to Legatee Kristina Methven of the South Gippsland Branch, for her personal service to widows of ex-servicemen and their children. Pictured with president Alex Moon.**



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## Sentinel-Times COMMENT

### Is that why we're missing out?

WHAT is the population of the Bass Coast Shire?

It's very important we get that number right when advocating for what this area needs in terms of sporting facilities, roads, schools, health and other services and infrastructure funding.

The official ABS figure from the 2021 Census says our population is 40,789.

The Bass Coast Shire Council has updated that figure with the 'Estimated Resident Population (ERP)' number released on March 27, 2025, for the 2023-24 year, to 43,557. Going up by about 1000 people a year, that figure could easily be more than 45,000 by now.

The shire's website also says that during peak holiday periods, the population across the shire swells to more than 70,000 people, but business people on Phillip Island will tell you there can be that many people on the Island alone on busy weekends.

If you consider that 40 per cent of the private dwellings in places like Inverloch, Cape Paterson and the Waterline towns are owned by absentee ratepayers, either letting them out for short stay accommodation, or coming down periodically themselves, the population of the shire could almost double at any given time just on the basis of those using private dwellings.

So, what is the real population of Bass Coast?

At present the Bass Coast Shire Council is finalising its list of priorities for advocacy to Federal and State government and while the community needs to be given the opportunity to have input into those project priorities, effort and expenditure must also be put into developing a statistically defensible population figure for Bass Coast that's a genuine representation of the number of people who are accessing services here.

It's clear we are being severely under-resourced in many areas, based in part on the wrong population data but the situation at the Cowes Recreation Reserve is a standout.

Here we have one of the most successful football-netball clubs in Australia, with 15 football teams regularly using one oval, including juniors, underage teams, seniors, women's and veterans, not including 150 Auskick kids on a Friday and casual use throughout the week.

It's an extreme case of under-resourcing and the fact that there's a clear connection between a lack of recreation opportunities and a rise in both the incidence of mental health and crime problems makes it an issue that needs to be addressed as a matter of urgency.

The council must put a date on when they will deliver a second sports oval for Cowes and do so immediately.

And we'd also like to hear how they plan to properly quantify the real population figure for Bass Coast and how they plan to prosecute that number directly with government and with local MPs to secure more funding for needed resources.

### Parking restrictions are isolating our elderly citizens

I AM writing to express my deep concern about the Bass Coast Council's current parking time restrictions in the town centre, which are having a devastating impact on our elderly community members. While I appreciate that parking is provided free of charge, the restrictive one-hour time limit is not merely an inconvenience – it is actively contributing to the increasing loneliness and despair experienced by our most vulnerable citizens.

## Vox Pop

### How do you avoid scams?



**Roy**

"Whenever I see anything I don't know about, I don't push the button."



**Fiona**

"Don't click on links, block messages and don't answer calls."



**Ryan**

"We get that many messages and emails. Don't click on the email, go straight to the website."



**Miah**

"Never click on links, never click on text from banks, delete suspicious emails, and check punctuation."

For elderly residents with reduced mobility, the current one-hour time restriction is woefully inadequate. These community members, who have contributed so much to our town over the years, now find themselves unable to engage in the simple pleasure of socialising with friends and neighbours. What should be a leisurely coffee catch-up or a gentle browse through local shops has become a source of constant anxiety and stress.

The reality is stark: elderly people with walking difficulties cannot rush. They need time to carefully navigate from their vehicles to their destinations, time to rest when needed, and time to engage meaningfully with their community. The current parking restrictions force them to constantly watch the clock, cutting short conversations and social interactions that are vital for their mental health and well-being.

This policy is particularly cruel given that social isolation among the elderly is already a significant public health concern. Research consistently shows that loneliness and social isolation can have serious consequences for older adults' physical and mental health, including increased risk of depression, cognitive decline, and even premature death. By maintaining these restrictive parking times, the Bass Coast Council is inadvertently exacerbating this crisis.

I urge the Council to reconsider these parking time restrictions with compassion and understanding for our elderly residents. Practical solutions that would make a meaningful difference include:

- Extending the current one-hour parking limit to at least 90 minutes to two hours in the town centre
- Implementing a warning system for those who exceed the time limit, rather than immediate fines
- Designated longer-term parking spaces specifically for elderly or mobility-impaired residents
- A permit system that allows elderly residents additional parking time when needed

Our elderly citizens deserve to feel welcome and valued in their own community. They should not have to choose between meaningful social connection and the anxiety of watching the clock, nor should they face immediate penalties for needing a little extra time in the very town centre they helped build and sustain.

The Bass Coast Council has a responsibility to serve all residents, including those who may need a little extra time and consideration. I call upon the Council to demonstrate true community leadership by reviewing and revising these parking policies to better serve our elderly population.

Our seniors have given so much to this community over the years. Surely we can give them the gift of time – time to connect, time to belong, and time to continue being valued members of our community.

**David Ehrlich, Bass Coast**

### Changes could silence community voices

POLICIES are written by companies and councils alike, not to promote robust debate as stated in council's communication policy, but rather to stifle different views to those of the policy maker.

In BCSC's proposed 2025 Governance Policy (comments closed July 17), the major change planned is to force persons to attend council meetings in order to be allowed to ask questions, and limiting question time to 30 minutes. This change is discriminatory against the majority.

Council states, 53.1 Public question time must be held at each Council meeting fixed under Rule 9 to enable members of the public to submit questions.

In 2022, under the 2020 Governance Policy, council attempted to ban question time and subsequently disobey their own policy by failing to read out and answer approximately 121 questions over a six-month period. Another clear example of council policy changes seeking to influence outcomes is BCSC's 2024 URDI policy. When the Sunderland Bay, Surf Beach Special Charge Scheme failed, BCSC then collaborated with a few disgruntled ratepayers who obviously bought in the area for capital gain. The new 2024 URDI policy was altered to enable a scheme to proceed under different rules, reducing from 70 to 50 per cent the number of ratepayers needed to sign a petition enabling schemes to proceed. This policy change was designed for BCSC to save face after losing the "unlosable" and making it easier for council and disgruntled ratepayers to achieve their goal.

This 2024 URDI policy pits neighbour against neighbour. A question regarding this was disallowed at the last council meeting because the mayor didn't like the wording! Another question containing the word "aggressive" was also disallowed. Previously, "pathetic" was disallowed. Governance Rule 53.8 states that a question may be disallowed if the Chair determines that it is defamatory, indecent, abusive, offensive, irrelevant, trivial or objectionable in language or substance.

Under both the current and proposed Governance Policy, council can disallow any question they wish and thereby silence those seeking answers. If council is changing the Governance Policy, perhaps they should provide a glossary of words or phrases that are acceptable.

**Philip Davy, Surf Beach**

### Thorough answers needed for Inverloch

FOLLOWING a community discussion at the Hub on July 13 regarding the crisis currently threatening the survival of the Inverloch Surf Life Saving Club building and some houses in the vicinity of Surf Parade, I would like to raise four issues which have not been clearly addressed by the current BCSC and State Government's decision.

1/ Why do the Authorities believe that replacing the eroded sand with sand barriers planted with vegetation would be any more successful at holding back the sea than were the mature, firmly rooted banksias opposite the RACV Resort?

2/ If a sand barrier was successful, why would one expect it would cause lesser flanking erosion than rock bags, which do have the ability to deflect tidal surges?

3/ Sand dunes require constant renourishment as they are eroded constantly from their base, causing a loss of height, while rock bags (which last 60 years) settle firmly into the sand. Constant dredging and pumping of sand are very expensive to install and maintain. Rock bags can also be easily removed if not needed in the future.

4/ If the five year gap in accessing the bulk of grant money allocated by the Federal Government for State Authorities to act on protecting Inverloch's coast does result in the loss of the Inverloch Surf Life Saving Club building, this is no reason to "let nature take its course" as was the fall back mantra of Jordan Crugnale MP despite her promoting the faulty sand pumping technique.

The Surf Parade Road/Bunurong road and housing in the vicinity of Surf Parade warrant protection from inundation, regardless of the outcome of the delay in protecting the Surf Life Saving Club building.

Some experts believe that the installation of rock bags could result in the loss of enough sand to destroy the opportunity to use the area for surfing. Even that prospect is not enough to allow the Surf Club building and surrounding infrastructure to be abandoned.

**Rosemary Hutchinson, Inverloch**

### Ignoring flood risks

WE WENT for a trip during the school holidays, up through Longwarry, Koo Wee Rup, Bass, etc.

We were amazed at all the beautiful homes that councils have allowed to be built on flat land, flat on the ground, concrete slabs, no doubt in flood prone areas.

What is wrong with their brains? We don't just have the rain, all rain that falls on roofs, car parks, all buildings goes to the run-off to floods.

Rain is not caught in tanks these days. The more we see of councils etc., common sense is not used, in most places.

Trees over houses is another problem.

**John Malby, Dandenong North**

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## Stop making it so hard South Gippy Water

I find it appalling how South Gippsland Water treats its customers, especially the elderly.

Their latest no cheque payments, what will be next?

They had an office in Wonthaggi, Leon-gatha, and now only in Foster, closed to the public. They do not want any interaction with people at all.

Not all people have the internet or on-line banking so now no payments can be made at the convenience of a post office. Cheques are legal tender so what gives them the right to dictate the terms on a human right to water.

You cannot change providers. Yes, you can give them your bank details so they can take your money and if the bill is incorrect and you have limited funds as a pensioner bad luck.

Pensioners do not trust the internet because of scammers, are South Gippy Water going to guarantee their accounts if they are scammed? The local government should not allow this.

**Laurie Tuddin, Wonthaggi**

## Time to listen to the experts

WHY is Inverloch being treated with such disdain where discussion based on facts seems to be beyond the capabilities of all parties claiming interests in what's best for our future?

Amazing too how facts can be overcome by ill-formed beliefs when facts are not openly presented for discussion or debate. Such was the case at the IFAG community engagement session on Sunday.

Despite months and months of data gathering, peer review workshops, presentations to focus groups and signoff by RaSP members (including Bass Coast Shire, Rural Roads Victoria, Parks Victoria and West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority), the recommendations from experienced coastal engineers for the initial work planned for protecting the dunes from further erosion is in danger of being tossed on a pile to accommodate a line of bagged rocks.

No respect given to any further works that might occur.

No insight into how the dunes work as a natural line of defence and have done for centuries.

No understanding of what is planned for raising the height of the beach by four metres or so, or to making the wet sand fencing safe, or protecting the surf club building, or resolving the erosion at the Bunurong Road/Wreck Creek interface.

Nah. We should all just be grateful that there is a bunch of unqualified people making the case that thousands of hours of work can be tossed aside on a whim because they have a "solution" driven by one person's perspective of the issue.

The "promo" for Sunday's meeting promised we would learn of "a far better, logical and common sense solution... than what Melbourne bureaucrats are dictating" – but instead we got more of the same dictatorial, bullying, "do-it-our-way" rhetoric, and a suggestion that beach nourishment was not favoured by the IPCC.

But what was not said was that the IPCC did not favour beach nourishment for at-risk islands and in poorer, low-lying countries because beach nourishment might be unaffordable for them as it required replenishment, could be constrained by lack of sand resources and may not have available construction resources.

Nor was it mentioned this commentary was written twenty-four years ago in an IPCC report dated 2001. (IPCC AR3, WG2, Chapter 17.2.3)

In fact, IPCC suggested that for those situations "integrated coastal zone management (ICZM) and enhancing

natural resilience (like restoring mangroves or allowing managed retreat) may offer more sustainable long-term solutions for erosion and sea-level rise adaptation".

We are now in 2025 and have the benefit of extensive global research carried out over the past two decades in many different situations and locations.

DEECA has facilitated a peer-reviewed, adaptive management solution, that when implemented, IPCC might today consider a best practice initiative. (IPCC AR5, WG2, Chapter 5.5.4)

A line of rock bags is not the answer for protecting the dune system.

Please – spend the money and get something done before it's too late and the funds have to be acquitted and returned to Treasury!

**Trevor Forge, Inverloch**

## Love our dogs, and love Bass Coast too

THE Phillip Island Bass Coast Dog Owners Association have followed up a campaign of photo-bombing the shire councillors' email boxes in recent days, with pictures of their precious pooches, by writing to summarise their concerns about the imminent release of the shire's Domestic Animal Management Plan (DAMP) for 2026-2029.

Good evening, Councillors. We trust you had a great weekend and thoroughly enjoyed our lovely photos of the dogs of Bass Coast Shire.

What an amazing bunch they are, and we hope they made your weekend.

We completely understand there has been much discussion about the DAMP.

We ask you to understand the absolute joy dog owners receive walking their dogs, which is good for health and well-being.

So many of the community connect with like-minded people on our off-lead beaches. In fact, for some it's their only social interaction in their day.

Just to recap, we want to confirm that the association believes that dogs should not be off-lead except in a designated off-leash area. We completely support this and have asked through the DAMP that more patrols be done.

You saw 'Chewie', she is a small dog, and I do not like off-lead dogs coming up to us, 99.9 per cent of our members would agree with that.

We have never disputed this ever. We are not asking for special privileges for non-compliant dog owners, in fact, we want them brought into line.

The DAMP process is the first time any group have listened to us on this matter.

Compliance is always difficult, and we do our best to get the right messaging out. We do acknowledge that change takes time, but it can be achieved and we feel we have come a long way.

There is over 97 kilometres of beaches on Phillip Island and we have just over one kilometre of off-leash dog beaches. We have asked to keep all existing off-lead areas across Bass Coast and that consideration be given to any area that we can gain some more that proves minimal to no impact on wildlife.

We have discussed these areas through the DAMP process.

In fact, at our last meeting, the friends of the hooded plovers said there are many beaches that could and should be available to dogs with no impact to them.

People should expect to experience off-lead dogs on the off-lead beaches, albeit they must be under complete voice control.

We have never asked for any access to any nature park beach and never will.

We are puzzled as to why we have no on-lead access to non-Nature Park beaches until the 1st of May.

Nature Parks have done a great job of education about the hooded plovers, people get it and comply, in fact, the pair who have nested on Cape Woolamai bay beach the last two years have fledged

three times this year, being only 50 metres from the off-lead dog beach.

Nature Parks' own data, which you can access on their website, and is conducted by Deakin University, so independently conducted, says their biggest hazard is the high tide followed by other predatory birds.

Less than two per cent are taken by unsubstantiated tracks with snakes, cats, even a bandicoot track at one nest.

In San Remo and the rest of Bass Coast, under Parks Victoria, which is essentially the same department as Phillip Island Nature Parks, you can take your dog on-lead from the end of February, when the beaches are deserted, when the kids go back to school.

We would like this for all shire-run beaches on the island (excluding the off-lead areas).

Of course, we also need fenced dog parks for those who like to use them or those who have physical difficulty accessing the beaches. These need small dog and large dog areas, and need to be in every town. This will control those who don't have great recall and provide spaces to train your dog in a safe environment. All councils offer these.

We sympathise with the plight of the wombats, especially as their natural habitat is being eroded due to development, which has forced them towards the beach in San Remo. We must learn to share these areas and more patrols would definitely help.

While cameras are showing inquisitive dogs, we note there have been no actual incidents.

Balance is the key and no one group should have precedence over the other.

We agree with no dogs there at night. Who is crazy enough to be out in this weather? Not many, if any.

Currently, there are some that flaunt the rules. This annoys me more than you can imagine, particularly as the majority are doing the right thing, and, we ask you, don't punish the majority by removing rights because of a minority.

We acknowledge the challenges you face and appreciate the difficulties in discussing these issues and coming to decisions.

It's been going on for so long with sooo much discussion.

Dog owners are only too happy to get fair and reasonable outcomes.

Our members have been very patient and as you have seen this weekend, they are just normal residents like you.

Have a great week and thanks for your time.

**Cheryl Owens, Phillip Island Bass Coast Dog Owners Association.**

## Council still dodging questions

AT THE July 16 BCSC meeting ratepayers submitted five separate questions explicitly requesting information about how BCSC's proposed governance changes to public question time (PQT) were of benefit to ratepayers and non-discriminatory.

Ratepayers specifically asked council to outline the reasons and rationale behind the pursuit of this policy change, how the policy was not discriminatory, and how the changes would affect ratepayers.

None of these matters were factually addressed in CEO Box's response, which didn't match the questions asked.

Instead, his "answer" talked only about how ratepayers had been given one month to respond and that all responses would be considered. His response ignored, and completely failed to answer the actual questions asked. His answer was simply filibuster which avoided meaningful scrutiny, whilst not technically contravening the required procedures.

Specific questions were asked, and a single inadequate and irrelevant answer was given. This is a practice all levels of

government have become highly skilled in, and this kind of obfuscation appears to have become an increasingly standard operating procedure for BCSC in recent times.

In fact, for the last four or five years it has become obvious that some elements of BCSC have had an ongoing issue with the mere existence of PQT. In July 2022, former councillors Rooks and Laing, launched a failed motion to remove PQT from monthly council meetings entirely, alleging it to be "the most inefficient way to put questions to council". Then, in May 2023, former Bass Coast Mayor Cr Michael Whelan said council would no longer be answering questions about the Sunderland Bay-Surf Beach Special Charge Scheme, and subsequently refused to answer around 120 questions. This ran counter to BCSC's own rules of governance.

What is behind this continued attempt by BCSC to diminish PQT? Could it be that being expected to answer important and confronting questions is uncomfortable? Or perhaps matters are raised which council would prefer remain somewhat obscured?

How long should ratepayers tolerate this? We deserve better. Shameful conduct for a body constantly claiming honesty, openness and clarity in its dealings with its ratepayers.

**Ross Bencraft, Surf Beach**

## Time for action, it's too passive

I ATTENDED the public meeting to discuss the erosion that is occurring on the beach along Inverloch. My reason for attending was because I wanted to better understand the solution that the knowledgeable community in Inverloch was going to bring forward. Whilst it was very clear from the attendance that the community is passionate about a permanent solution, it did not match their passive approach to what has been a long-standing situation.

From what I understood, the permanent situation was not just to dump sand against the sea wall, but to add rock stones in bags against this sand so it lasts for longer than it has. The Council seemed to push the dumping of sand as a solution, which, even in my limited knowledge, does not seem sensible. No amount of screaming around microphones and long worded questions are going to be effective. If it is to happen now, that is, the permanent solution needs to have more proactive support, and the issue needs to be drilled to the government through our local MP, and this needs to happen in their ears rather than at public meetings. From my experience, the Inverloch community has a very passive approach to resolving issues, and that needs to change because it just goes in circles and never gets resolved.

I am one for working with nature. We do not own the beaches; it owns us, and irrespective of whatever we do, when nature wants what it needs, it takes it. Have we sought some information from our indigenous people about some solutions, or do the voices that we heard think they only have the solution?

I did not get much from the meeting except for an understanding of what was being done and what a permanent solution was. My time there was valuable to me. If we have been at this issue for some time now and nothing of what is expected has been delivered, should we change our tactic?

Throwing sand is not a sensible solution and repeating that every time the foreshore is washed away does not make sense, but it is no different to Council fixing our roads only to come back in a year to repeat the same job. In my opinion, the community has a good idea, not sure whether it would be permanent, but they are too passive in their approach to get their voice heard.

**Dilene Hinton, Inverloch**





Kim shakes up award winning treats at Mates Gin in Wonthaggi.

## Mates Gin wins gold, silver and bronze

MATES Gin Distillery won gold for Best New World/Contemporary Gin at the Melbourne Royal Australian International Spirit Awards recently.

The winning gin was the distillery's new Sweet Surrender.

Sweet Surrender has a bold cardamom base with a light blend of liquorice and lemon.

It's unique ingredient is Bass Coast-sourced honey, which gives it a smooth, satisfying finish.

The Wonthaggi-based distillery also won silver for its Signature Bass Dry (Contemporary Gin category), and bronze for Zesty Mates (Citrus Gin category) and Miners Pick (Contemporary Gin category).

Judging for this prestigious award took place from July 1 to 3, with an awards presentation held on July 10.

This year, the stakes were kicked up a notch by taking the judging up to a global scale. International exhibitors were invited to submit entries, offering a broader scope of the craft. It provided a unique platform for Australian distilleries to compete with the world's best in the most diverse competition yet. Gold medal exhibitors are recognised for their consistency on the same product in the same format.

Mates Gin Distillery was founded by Kim Richards, who is passionate about her work and, with a generous spirit, donates 50 per cent of the distillery's profits to charity.

Her vision was to launch a socially responsible business, which she has managed to do whilst incorporating her love for gin.

The staff at Mates Gin Distillery were thrilled with the recent achievements.

Mates Gin Distillery is located on the Inverloch Road in Wonthaggi.

The distillery is open on Fridays from 4pm to 8pm, Saturdays from 1pm to 5pm, and Sundays from 1pm to 5pm.

Cocktail happy hour takes place on Fridays from 5pm to 7pm.

Be sure to come along for the opportunity to try some of the prized gins.

You can also catch Mates Gin Distillery at local markets.

To find out more about the award-winning Mates Gin Distillery and its available products, head over to the website matesgin.com.au.

# Folks brew up a medal-winning storm

TUCKED away in the heart of Wonthaggi on Graham Street, Folks Coffee has become a popular hotspot for locals and visitors alike.

Nearly six years ago, Folks Coffee arrived in Wonthaggi, bringing with it a new level of coffee craft to the local scene.

At this year's Golden Bean Australasia awards – the Australian arm of the biggest coffee roasting competition on the planet – Folks Coffee walked away with an impressive two silver medals and three bronze, making their mark among more than 1000 roasters from across the globe.

Owner and roaster Graeme Heenan, along with his wife Yuki, couldn't be more thrilled.

"We got a silver for alternative milk-based coffee and another for super automatic – that's like a filtered drip coffee," Graeme said.

"And bronzes for our decaf, espresso, and milk-based coffee."

What makes the win even sweeter? Every coffee they submitted was a different blend, painstakingly put together through months of trial, error, and tasting.

"We get beans from all over the world," Graeme said, noting Yuki's dedication to sourcing the best beans.

"Every single origin has a unique flavour profile – even from the same farm, the taste can shift from year to year depending on the climate."

The pair know their stuff. Graeme's the sole roaster behind every bean at Folks, but together they carefully cup, taste, blend, and roast each batch to perfection.

The duo have spent their lives in hospitality, originally working nights but doing away with late shifts when their three children came along. That's when coffee hit a high note and daytimes paired perfectly.

"We had three kids and needed a change. Coffee just made sense – kids wake up early, so why not start the day with good coffee?"

"No one was roasting in Gippsland when we first started," Graeme smiled. The year was 2015, and they'd opened Bean'd in San Remo.

Although entering the Golden Bean early on, Graeme and Yuki held off re-entering until last year, four and a half years after they'd opened Folks.

"It's taken us a long time just to try and find all the different suppliers, and the good



Graeme proudly shows off the medals won at this year's Golden Bean Australasia awards. Graeme and Yuki will conquer the world next in February. C02\_2925



The seasonal blend is currently made from a fine combination of Colombian, Indian robusta, Ethiopian and Brazilian beans. C03\_2925

quality beans.

"I like that every single bean from every different farm has a different flavour profile. I like trying to find different ones, obscure ones from all around, and then just trying to find the perfect bean, the one that's got that outrageous flavour."

Supporting smaller, specialty farms is part of the ethos at Folks, and a part Yuki prides them on.

"We don't get the big, mass-produced coffee. We try to get the smaller, micro-lot farms, and go through specialty distributors, so the actual farmers get more money back."

Graeme proudly explains that a number of farms are now getting together to form their own co-ops.

"It's important (money then flows back to the farm) and they

grow a better bean, which in the long run means a better cup of coffee."

However, the process doesn't start in the roaster.

"We've started to get closer now to what we like, moving a lot more into fermenting the beans (on farm). Natural fermentation gives a different flavour and enhances the beans' characteristics."

Then it's onto Folks, and the magic happens.

"We do a cupping where we roast each one, line them all up and then go through a tasting, writing down the flavour profiles and characteristics of each one. Then we'll put together our seasonal blend, which is our main coffee, which we sell and goes through our machines."

Offering a variety of flavour profiles, the current seasonal

blend is made of Colombian, Indian robusta, Ethiopian and Brazilian beans.

After tasting hundreds of coffees as a judge at last year's Golden Bean, Graeme came away with one big lesson: "To win, you need coffee that leaps out of the cup."

There's certainly an art to it, and it's no surprise that Folks stood out amongst 800-odd other cups at this year's awards, which also happened to be the biggest on record.

The world's next year promises to be an exciting event for Folks Coffee.

Though restricted to the silver category wins, producers are permitted to mix up their entry, and that is exactly what the husband and wife powerhouse team are up to, hunting out the best beans for a flavour combination that is truly obscure.

And if you've ever sipped a Folks brew, you'll know it's more than just good coffee – it's a full experience. Beans are roasted on-site, food is made from scratch, and there's an impressive range of handcrafted teas (thanks to Yuki's Japanese background), matcha, and even Hojicha lattes for the non-coffee crowd. Plus, they make a delicious white chocolate mix, alongside fresh orange juice, smoothies, fruity slushies and more.

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## Grassy Spur, an idea built from the ground up

PERCHED on a peaceful ridge overlooking the Tarwin Valley in South Gippsland, Grassy Spur is more than just an olive grove. It's the result of vision, persistence, and a deep understanding of the land it's grown on.

Owned and operated by Helen and Peter Wright since 2004, the property spans 25 acres, with over 80 per cent dedicated to their 1500 olive trees and growing number of beehives.

"The name Grassy Spur comes from the history of the area," said Helen. "There was a Grassy Spur school, post office, even a swimming pool. It's a name well known to the town."

What began as a search for a rural land quickly became a thriving business. Peter had said to Helen, "If we have all this land, we'll need to do something with it."

"He suggested olives, and I thought, how hard can growing olive trees be?"

It turned out to be a journey of reading, research and labour – neither had an agricultural background. Peter works in IT, and Helen was a nurse. But with support from local growers, together they built Grassy Spur from the ground up.

Their approach to production is refreshingly simple and deeply sustainable.

"Everything happens on site," said Helen.

"From picking to processing, to bottling – it's all done here."

They rely on natural soil health,

avoid chemical treatments, and don't irrigate, thanks to the consistent South Gippsland rainfall.

"People always ask if we irrigate," Helen laughs, "and I just say, we live in South Gippsland – we don't need to."

Peter now manages nearly 50 hives, which started purely to assist olive tree pollination. The result? Small-batch, chemical-free honey and award-winning olive oil.

"Last year, our oil won Best in Show at the Australian Olive Awards," Helen said proudly.

"It's really about letting nature guide us. We don't test or filter unless necessary. We let the oil settle and clear naturally."

Though yields can fluctuate – 15 tonnes last year, to just four in the next – the quality remains constant.

"We believe in keeping the process as natural as possible," Helen added. "It's a reflection of how we live, and the rain is significant in the process."

Grassy Spur's products are available online and in selected retail outlets across Australia. As costs rise, Helen remains committed to fair pricing: "We want to keep it accessible, but we do have to make a living."

Shop online at [grassyspuroilives.com.au](http://grassyspuroilives.com.au) or visit the store at 32 Moyes Road, Stony Creek. There is a tasting room to try before you buy and a nice walking track around the grove and apiary.



Peter Wright stands in the olive processing room.



Grassy Spur olive oil and honey.



Steve Webber displays an arrangement of native flowers. A17\_2825

## Local floral expertise at Elsie's

WHILE Elsie's Florist in Leongatha has a selection of bunches of flowers ready to go, owners Sonia and Steve Webber are happy to chat about your needs and create a bespoke floral arrangement.

Customers are welcome to select the flowers of their choice for Elsie's to arrange.

It's a chance to support local business and benefit from Steve and Sonia's expertise, the store also offering a selection of giftware, chocolates and candles, including Australian-made items.

On the floral front, winter is a good time for native flowers, with locally grown bunches from Allambee Flower Farm available at Elsie's, the micro flower farm located 15 kilometres from Yarragon.

Floristry runs in Sonia's veins, inspired by her grandmother Elsie who used to run a florist shop of her own.

Adding to the local vibe, Elsie's offers deliveries and has recently added to its service by becoming a member of Interflora.



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## Unveiling the craftsmanship behind exquisite fine jewellery

THERE is an air to Denis Hawkins that makes one relax in his presence, an air that makes you trust him with some of your most prized possessions whether stunning gemstone or family heirlooms, and an air that amazes at his vast array of talents, you see Mr Hawkins is not just a jeweller and creator of stunning masterpieces but an artist, woodworker and sculpturer amongst far more talents – a multipotentiality.

"I enjoy working with my hands," Denis explained.

"I applied for an apprenticeship with Kennedy Diamond Rings in Christchurch, but I had the wrong clothes on."

Undertaking a women's hair-dressing apprenticeship under Hans Lunger, Denis reminisced on the days that led to life as a jeweller.

"I carried on cutting my mother's

hair and people would come around and I'd make money, but 18 months was enough for me.

"I went on to Hume Pipe as a moulder, shovelling ready mix concrete and had an accident with the ring I had on my finger and reached out to Kennedy Diamonds.

"As the story goes, the owner still has the ring that I made as a test run," Denis smiled.

Now in his 90s, Ken Blair would go on to become Denis's mentor and lifelong friend.

"He put me in another workshop up top, showed me where it was, and said, 'This is what we can teach you'. I just absorbed it! If it wasn't for him, I don't know where I would be..."

Excelling and one of the few jewellers who can create, make and set, Denis takes every opportunity to hone his skills, learn new techniques and read

about metals and gemstones – even though his raw talent flows effortlessly, making his progress seem almost innate.

Amongst his varied favourites are the family heirlooms that pass his working desk for restoration, and estate jewellery that can include vintage, antique or even contemporary pieces.

"Working with old original pieces, 1850s, 1860s – 19th century, rebuilding those, you've got to know what solders they possibly used because you've got hard solders, medium solders and soft solders. They start off with the hard to get the main basis. You can't use hard (in the more intricate work) because that might spring open, you're going to use some slightly softer solders. Restoring old jewellery is really satisfying to see, and to wonder where it might be in 500 years."

Denis's own family lineage reads like a history book in itself, with generations past marrying Spanish-Portuguese women and living in Fiji before relocating to New Zealand after the passing of his great-grandfather.

"There are only two or three of us who specialise in art deco pieces in Victoria, because we learnt the old trades and techniques. People don't want pieces that everyone else has."

A proud father, Denis's eye and the beauty he creates are mesmerising.

Diamonds and a breathtaking ruby beckon to adorn the neck as a pendant, gemstones far superior to mainstream conglomerates that charge a small fortune for inferior quality gemstones subjected to heat treatment.

Opening one of the books

that adorn his miniature bookshelf in the studio, Denis flicks through pages of beautiful masterpieces.

"I made a ring, it's still in the area, and it turned out near identical to a ring in this book – a golden sapphire and blue side by side, near identical cut – I'd never seen this book."

There is something inspiring and magical about the trade of jewellery making and the artisans like Denis, who are happy to talk through their specialised craft.

"I don't take it for granted, I think it is quite special – we share secrets and equipment."

"It's pretty special making nice jewellery and knowing people trust me. I couldn't give up making jewellery."

"I was very lucky that I learnt to start a ring from a bar of gold and finish a ring on the finger."

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## Supporting locals at San Remo IGA

THE San Remo IGA has become much more than just a place to pick up the weekly groceries. It's a store built on local connections, friendly faces and a commitment to giving local producers a fair go.

Store Manager Shayne Crawford knows exactly what makes this community so loved. Next month marks twenty years since he first started working at the store as a junior. Now, nearly a decade into managing the place, he says the best thing about his job is simple: the people.

"I just love San Remo," Shayne said.

"I live here, I went to school at Newhaven, and I just love the community here. We know ninety per cent of the locals by their first name."

That local feel flows through every aisle. Unlike the big national supermarkets, San Remo IGA prides itself on filling its shelves with products from nearby suppliers. You will find Bassine's milk and cheeses, local honey, Prom Coast ice creams and meat from local producers, just to name a few. In the bottle shop, shoppers can pick up wines from Dirty Three in Inverloch and beers from Ocean Reach Brewery in Cowes, among others.

"That is one of the perks of being an IGA," Shayne said.

"We have the freedom to range local products, which is what makes us different. We never say no to any local supplier that comes in. We are always happy to give someone a go."

Shayne believes it is this point of difference that keeps people coming back. That and the fact that the store is genuinely family-owned, rather than being part of a distant corporation.

"People that come to work



**Produce Manager Tanya Bow is one of many friendly faces keeping farm-fresh produce on local shelves at San Remo IGA.**

with us say it is completely different to anywhere else. It feels like a big family and that community feel can sometimes get lost in bigger stores."

As winter sets in, shoppers will notice brussels sprouts and other hearty vegetables filling the produce section. Shayne says soups fly off the shelves at this time of year, as do eco-friendly firelighters, thermal beanies and cosy winter socks and jumpers. The store keeps its finger on the pulse of what locals need as the seasons change.

Beyond the checkout, San Remo IGA is also helping locals look after each other. Right now, they are supporting the San Remo Emergency Food Relief program. A donation trolley inside the store allows customers to buy an extra item and drop it in to help struggling families if they wish

to do so, with the food bank open every Wednesday at St Augustine's Anglican Church Op Shop.

"It is important," Shayne said.

"There are a lot of people struggling out there right now with the cost of living."

For regular shoppers, there are always ways to save a few dollars, too. Every Thursday is Seniors Day, and the store runs regular three-day weekend sales including one from this weekend, Friday, July 25 to Sunday, July 27.

And if you can't find what you're looking for, just ask.

"Nothing is too much trouble," Shayne said.

"If someone wants us to get something in, we are more than happy to give it a go and we are always happy to take customers' feedback on board."

## Creative energy in flow with Kristy

IN THE serene embrace of the rolling hills near Toora, Kristy Wilson-Friend has cultivated a multifaceted life as an artist, writer, and energy healer. For the past four years, she has been diligently living out a long-held dream, deeply immersing herself in the interwoven worlds of art, craft, spirituality, and healing. This dedicated journey has manifested physically in the creation of her own art studio and healing space, a sanctuary where she can wholeheartedly pursue and share her lifelong passions.

Kristy's artistic vision is deeply intertwined with the natural world and the inherent energy of crystals, forming the core of her creative expression. This profound connection is evident in the themes she captures within her detailed drawings. Complementing this love for nature is Kristy's passion for crystals, which she utilises both as powerful healing tools and exquisite artistic components, meticulously integrating them into her unique jewellery designs and vibrant rainbow creations, lending each piece a touch of sparkle and spiritual depth. Ultimately, the harmonious fusion of nature's bounty and crystalline energy defines Kristy's distinctive work, imbuing her art with both earthly grounding and luminous beauty.

Venturing beyond her usual artistic pursuits, Kristy has embarked on a new creative frontier with the launch of her own oracle decks, 'The Creative Higher Self' and 'Crystal Journey'. These two oracle decks stand as a testament to dedication, truly a labour of love where each card is graced with an original ink drawing meticulously crafted by the artist's own hand. Complementing the visual artistry, Kristy provides thoughtful interpretations for each card, offering deeper layers of meaning to the prompts. Together, the evocative visuals and insightful guidance promise to illuminate your personal path, fostering connection with your creative higher self and the healing benefits of crystals.

Kristy's profound appreciation for Energy Healing is rooted in its



**Kristy Wilson-Friend's creativity and healing work come to life through art, energy, and deep connection.**

remarkable capacity to facilitate positive change within individuals. She understands this practice as a generous offering of energy, which actively supports the journey towards greater peace, profound harmony, vibrant health, increased vitality, and the full, authentic expression of one's true self. Kristy offers both Reiki healing and Pellowah healing. The differences between energy healing modalities like Reiki and Pellowah are not about which one is "better," but rather which one is most beneficial for the specific healing needs of the individual. Each modality works with a unique frequency and energy signature that resonates with different aspects of the human experience.

Reiki, for example, is considered an "earthly" energy that is deeply connected to the physical body, working to balance and harmonise the energetic systems. In contrast, Pellowah is a "lighter and finer" energy that is more aligned with consciousness, the mind, and the spiritual realm.

To find out more about Kristy's creations or healing visit [creativehealingstudio.com.au](http://creativehealingstudio.com.au) or [kristywilsonart](https://www.instagram.com/kristywilsonart) on Facebook or Instagram.



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**Fresh, local, and handcrafted – Kaye Courtney packs cheese ready for local stores and menus.** W11\_2825

## Grown, made and shared locally

TUCKED away on a rolling green dairy farm on the Bass Highway, Bassine Specialty Cheeses is much more than a local cheesemaker – it's a proud part of Gippsland's rich food story.

The farm, originally established by Attilio and Mary Bisognin in 1966, is now run by their son Glen and his partner Kaye Courtney. What started as Kaye's hobby has grown into an award-winning venture, with head cheesemaker Tone Petersen helping craft gold-medal creations that keep locals coming back for more.

But ask Kaye about the secret ingredient, and you won't hear talk of fancy machines or imported trends. Instead, you'll hear about what makes them stand out: small-batch, hand-made cheeses and non-homogenised products, produced entirely on their 235-acre farm.

"All our milk is produced right here on the farm," said Kaye.

"We don't homogenise it. We like the old-fashioned style where the cream rises to the top of the bottle. That's what we remember from our childhood."

This old-fashioned approach isn't just about nostalgia – it's about taste and tolerance too.

"It surprises people, but many who may struggle with milk or even mild lactose intolerance find they can drink non-homogenised milk without issues," Kaye said.

"But mainly the difference is the flavour, because we've handled it gently and it hasn't travelled miles and miles."

It's not just the cheese and milk that stay close to home – it's every step of the process. The farm delivers to local IGAs, general stores and delis within a 100-kilometre radius, a self-imposed boundary that Kaye says reflects Bassine's local-first ethos.

"Our whole philosophy is to be considered local," she explained.

"We don't deliver more than 100 kilometres

from here. That's been a self-imposed limit so that we can truly say we are local to our customer base."

And it's not only cheese and milk you'll find. This year, Bassine teamed up with Licca Lucca Gelato, who now makes their gelato on site using Bassine's milk.

"It's a beautiful collaboration," Kaye said.

"He's now allowed to sell wholesale, and it's also available here at our café."

Their cheeses even carry a sense of locality in their names. One crowd favourite – 'The Loch' – is inspired by a small French cheese Kaye once tried and fell in love with.

"Our head cheesemaker, Tone Petersen, understood the flavour profiles so well that he recreated it, and it went on to win a gold medal," she said proudly.

Tone's talent and craft underpin Bassine's success. "He's very talented and experienced – some of his gold-medal cheeses are ones he designed himself rather than following anyone else's recipe," Kaye said.

Caring for the land is at the heart of everything they do. "We don't use insecticides, and we minimise herbicides wherever possible," said Kaye.

"We pick crops that can grow well without insecticides." For Kaye, the farm isn't just about cheese; it's about people.

"It started as a passion for cheese-making, but it's grown into something much bigger," she said.

"The people who work here are local – we are a family. We try to support other local businesses by having a space for them to sell their products, and I love that about this building, being able to showcase what others are doing in the area."

You can find Bassine Specialty Cheeses at local IGAs, delis, and general stores across the Bass Coast and South Gippsland – or pop in and say hello on the farm at 2125 Bass Highway, open 9am – 4pm on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

## Range of premium estate grown wines

RISING from the ashes of last year's disastrous bushfires, The Gurdies Winery has just released its 2025 range of premium wines.

Included in their exciting 2025 range is a Verdelho, Rose and two Rieslings.

The entire range of wines is a delight to the palate and a testament to the hard work and inspirational winemaking skills of the winery's onsite winemaker Ernie Cara.

Initially concerned about the impact of smoke taint on their 2025 vintage Ernie sought the advice of expert winemakers from the local region, Marcus Satchell of Satch Wines and Tom Lightfoot of Lightfoot Wines.

"Ernie spent a lot of time researching the issue and altered the way he made the wines," said co-owner Bruce Preston.

"As a result, no smoke

taint can be detected in the wines at all."

Using gentle pressing, with no full bunch fermentation, The Gurdies Winery has produced a truly remarkable selection of 2025 wines, lighter in flavour than previous vintages and slightly sweeter than their normally dry range.

It was an inspired decision resulting in a suite of very collectable wines.

"We also have some new bubbles coming soon," said co-owner Wendy Heaney.

Bruce and Wendy have faced a number of challenges since taking ownership of The Gurdies Winery nearly five years ago. "First there was the terrible storm and then the fire," said Bruce.

Wendy and Bruce have now built a new state-of-the-art winemaking shed and bottle room replacing their old bottle room which has been transformed into an intimate function room and meeting space.

"It's taking off," said Wendy.



**Wendy Heaney and Bruce Preston with their 2025 range of premium wines from The Gurdies Winery in The Gurdies.** B14\_2825

Weddings and birthday celebrations keep the winery busy all year round.

"We've received lots of local support," said Wendy including Landcare, CFA, Bass Coast Shire Council and local service organisations.

"End of year functions and birthdays are very popular," she said.

With the vineyard dormant over winter, it's time for pruning the canes.

"Weather permitting," said Wendy.

The vineyard is over 40 years old and is slowly being rejuvenated.

"There was minimal damage from the fire," said Bruce.

Established varieties are being future-proofed with phylloxera-resistant rootstock.

The winery had 14 acres under vine when Wendy and Bruce initially took ownership but that has been expanded to 22 acres this year.

A 'Family Time' group meets at The Gurdies Winery each Friday from 11am to 1pm, followed by a 'Just for Baby' group between 2pm and 2.30pm organised by the Waterline Community Playgroup.

"Many of our weddings

are local and Melbourne couples," said Wendy.

The winery offers mouth-watering cheese platters from Bassine Specialty Cheeses on the Bass Highway at Glen Forbes and a palate cleansing selection of local beers from the Burra Brewing Co., Ocean Reach Brewing and Loch Brewery & Distillery.

The Gurdies Winery encourages the use of local caterers for your special functions and are also happy for you to bring your own picnic and enjoy The Gurdies' wines without the added expense of a meal.

"We have local musicians on most weekends between 2pm and 5pm," added Wendy.

You can find The Gurdies Winery at 215 Gurdies-St Helier Road, The Gurdies.

For more information or to make a booking go to [thegurdieswinery.com.au](http://thegurdieswinery.com.au), email [info@thegurdieswinery.com.au](mailto:info@thegurdieswinery.com.au) or phone (03) 5997 6208.

The Gurdies Winery can also be found on Facebook ([facebook.com/thegurdieswinery/](https://facebook.com/thegurdieswinery/)) and Instagram ([instagram.com/explore/locations/1033636774/the-gurdies-winery/](https://instagram.com/explore/locations/1033636774/the-gurdies-winery/))

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## Crafting character from timber

DOWN in Fish Creek, tucked among the hills, you'll find Amber Creek Sawmill – a family-run operation, headed by Dan Bright, that's been turning out top-quality timber since 2013. Run with a hands-on approach and a strong sense of pride, they mill, dry and dress a wide range of timber sourced from across Victoria.

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Amber Creek specialises in the kind of timber you don't find just anywhere. Unique products, wide range of species, oversized lengths, and custom orders are all part of the mix – perfect for projects that need something with a bit of personality.

A man of his product, Dan's earliest work sits atop the hills of Fish Creek and are still standing, his own home and sheds, after a decade of wild and windy South Gippsland weather.

One of the hallmarks of Amber Creek's timber is its authenticity.

"At Amber Creek, we strive to make the most of every part of the log, creating high-quality



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timber that showcases its natural beauty and character.

"As well as private builds, it has been incredible working on projects such as Gurneys Cider and Phillip Island Winery. Bringing our skills and materials to achieve high standards for clients who really do appreciate the craftsmanship; the beautiful joinery where there are no metal brackets. It's really rewarding."

Whether it's for a backyard project or a feature build, Amber Creek timber carries the stamp of where it came from – honest work from the South Gippsland landscape.

## Learn and develop woodcrafting skills

WONTHAGGI Woodcrafters Inc. is a Woodcrafting Club that has been in existence in Wonthaggi for 35 years. From very humble beginnings in someone's garage, for the last 25 years it has been located at the Jean Melzer Centre (Bass Coast Adult Learning Centre) in White Road. The Club currently has a membership of about 100, which includes 25 ladies. The average age is 68, with our youngest member being late 20's and our eldest still creating beautiful things out of timber at 95 years young.

The Woodcrafters (Woodies) is a 'members only' club and cannot offer casual sessions or non-member training. However, membership costs are kept to a minimum to ensure accessibility for all interested.

Although the Woodies is focused on supporting and promoting woodcrafts, and fervently supports both men and women in their woodworking endeavours, it is also a member of both the Victorian Men's Shed Association (VMSA) and the Australian Men's Shed Association (AMSA).

Acuppa and a chat are important components of the club's strong focus on health and wellbeing. The Woodies has regular planned social activities and functions e.g. lunches, field trips, end of year dinner, BBQs, visits to other clubs and Men's Sheds, demonstration days/sessions, visits by suppliers and regular guest speakers.

The Club offers 12 woodcrafting workshop sessions per week and



**Johan has almost completed a beautiful vase.**



**Jimmy creates an intricate small toy.**

also provides an evening woodturning session for those who can't make it during the day. Sessions cater for the following skill areas – woodturning, segmented turning, toymaking, scrollsawing, pyrography, joinery, plus two new sessions – Kumiko (Japanese joinery) and wooden jewellery making.

The Woodies is very well known throughout the Bass Coast and South Gippsland Shires, as the club is the only similar woodworking group within 100 kilometres of Wonthaggi. Consequently, although members mainly reside in the Bass Coast Shire, there are those who regularly travel from Leongatha, Korumburra, Corinella, The Gurdies, Fish Creek, Tarwin Lower, Phillip Island and even as far afield as suburban Melbourne, to enjoy what the club has to offer.

The Wonthaggi Woodcrafters is closely aligned with other tenants of the Jean Melzer site – Bass

Coast Adult Learning (BCAL), Wonthaggi U3A, South Coast FM and the Community Garden.

The Club has three very well-equipped workshops, a combined meeting room and kitchen, substantial storage areas and a comprehensive borrowing library.

Wonthaggi Woodcrafters Inc. is a happy and proud club, with a long history of supporting both men and women from Bass Coast and surrounding areas, to establish or grow their interest in woodcrafts. No experience is necessary as the Woodies has skilled supervisors for each session and health and safety is considered paramount.

Anyone interested, please contact the Secretary at woodiessec@gmail.com, to arrange a mutually suitable time to visit, or to have a brochure emailed. Also, check us out on Facebook or visit our website [wonthaggiwoodcrafters.com.au](http://wonthaggiwoodcrafters.com.au).

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**Jill Demo, right, and her neighbour Anne Oehms have been creating Trauma Teddies to help children through challenging situations, including attending the emergency department at Wonthaggi Hospital.**

## Duo knit to help children through tough times

IF YOU’VE ever brought your child to the emergency department at Wonthaggi Hospital, there’s a fair chance they’ve left with a Trauma Teddy knitted by two Wonthaggi women.

For many years, Jill Demo has been a quiet force of kindness in the community through her dedicated knitting.

She’s made an incredible 605 Trauma Teddies by hand since 2013 and donated these to children in need via the Red Cross, drought relief efforts and Bass Coast Health (BCH).

Of these, 562 teddies have found their way into the arms of children via local health services and emergency departments.

Since 2020, Jill’s neighbour Anne Oehms has joined her in this heart-warming mission.

Together, they’ve also extended their generosity overseas, sending teddies as far as Tanzania in Africa and Ukraine, as well as locally to the Wonthaggi ambulance, fire brigade and State Emergency Service.

“Knitting brings us joy and purpose. We enjoy knowing we are providing comfort to so many children facing tough situations,” Jill said.

“We’re fortunate to be supported by the Wonthaggi library, which donates wool, but we’re always needing more supplies and welcoming donations of wool and stuffing so we can keep knitting these teddies.”

Now in her 94th year, Jill is hoping for more community support of the initiative, either through donations, knitting help or even through people learning to knit.

If you don’t know how to knit, Jill is more than happy to teach you.

BCH volunteer and fundraising manager Kerry Redmond thanked Jill and Anne for their time, passion and unwavering generosity.

“Your Trauma Teddies bring smiles, ease fears and make a world of difference to the little ones in our emergency department,” she said.

If you would like to help with donations, knitting or support in any way, please contact BCH volunteer and fundraising manager Kerry Redmond at [kerry.redmond@basscoasthealth.org.au](mailto:kerry.redmond@basscoasthealth.org.au).

# Maggie Beer program helped improve food and nutrition at Carinya Lodge

RESIDENTS and staff at Carinya Lodge in Korumburra celebrated the year-long completion of the Maggie Beer Program last Thursday, with a Wizard of Oz-themed menu.

The journey on a plate started at breakfast and finished with afternoon tea and included fish soup for liquid courage for the lion, a heart shaped parmesan waffle with a tomato ratatouille for the tin man, a cheddar biscuit with mousse in the shape of a witch’s hat, chicken patties and munchkin sandwiches with an Emerald City pistachio based dessert.

The Carinya kitchen team participated in a five-day intensive at the beginning of the 12 months and were guided to explore new ways to enhance meals and nutrition, including enhancing protein, flavour and texture modified foods, using different culinary techniques.

The team were also visited periodically by people from the program over the year who continued to guide them and help them develop their skills.

“I think we were doing pretty good before, but the things that have changed are that we’re fortifying more food to help with extra protein. Protein is one of the big things in aged care that we have to try and enhance, because it helps with falls and overall health,” explained Nadine James, kitchen



**The lifestyle team at Carinya Lodge dressed as Wizard of Oz characters to help celebrate the kitchen teams completion of the Maggie Beer Program, which aims to enhance food and nutrition for residents. ob06\_2925**

supervisor for Carinya.

“People with dementia don’t seem to be able to hold their weight on. So, we make smoothies and fortify everything, so that they’re getting that extra nutrition and we’ve noticed big drops in our weight losses and things as well. It’s been very successful.”

Last week’s celebration was

an opportunity to showcase all the great things the kitchen team have learnt.

To help celebrate the theme, the Lifestyle Team at Carinya jumped on board and dressed up as the characters from The Wizard of Oz and with each meal throughout the day, the residents were entertained by these characters from

the movie.

The aim of the Maggie Beer program is to improve the food experiences of older Australians, and to give cooks and chefs working in residential aged care the opportunity to develop their culinary skills and improve food, nutrition and the dining experience for older people.

## Gala Dinner is raising funds to prevent the Diderot effect



**The Bass Coast Community Foundation Gala Dinner on Saturday, July 26, at 7pm at Silverwater Resort will host keynote speaker Beau Vernon. Photo: AAP Photos.**

DUST off the evening gowns and suits because the Bass Coast Community Foundation Gala Dinner is back and promises to be a spectacular evening this Saturday, July 26, from 7pm to 10pm. An elegant evening of fine dining, inspiring conversation, and community giving at a fundraiser supporting the Bass Coast Community Foundation.

This special event brings together local leaders, philanthropists and community members to celebrate the foundation’s shared mission of strengthening and supporting the Bass Coast community.

Guests will enjoy a gourmet dinner and an inspiring keynote speech from Beau Vernon,

a champion whose journey has changed his life, the lives of his community and audiences who listen to his unbelievable story of opportunity and optimism. At 23 years of age, in 2012, Beau’s life changed forever. An accident during an AFL match left Beau a quadriplegic. Since then, Beau has won a bronze medal in the Paralympics in Paris representing Australian Wheelchair Rugby, led Leon-gatha Parrots to two premier-ships, and the Phillip Island Bulldogs.

Throughout the evening, the Foundation’s accomplishments will be showcased, highlighting success stories and presenting opportunities for guests to make a lasting difference through donations

and sponsorships.

The funds raised at this event will be put towards extending the Foundation’s support for a financial management basics program for teens called Centsible Teen Talk. Developed and delivered by local experts Rebecca Casey and Jackie Newman, the Centsible program teaches participants about budgeting and financial management through topics such as budgeting, how to buy a house, affluenza and the Diderot effect, money management, credit scores, banking, credit cards, resumes, cybercrime, superannuation and insurance.

Reserve your seat via [trybooking.com/CZNQT](https://trybooking.com/CZNQT).

## LIFE Moments



**VIOLET** Rita Davidson was born at Wonthaggi Hospital on June 22, 2025, weighing 2.57 kilograms. Violet is a daughter for Tessa Johnston and Cameron Davidson of Cowes.

## Empowered with life-changing skills as a dual CFA and SES Volunteer

VOLUNTEER roles are acts of selfless kindness, and after storms swept through Victoria early in 2024, Bass Coast local Bianca Peters felt helpless. She has been part of the Corinella CFA for just over five years, but said she wasn’t skilled in this particular area and felt compelled to get out and help.

In the past, Bianca had met San Remo SES unit controller Mandy Chancellor at several jobs and events, so she thought of her first.

“Mandy had and continues to be very informative and very encouraging for folks to get on board with SES,” she said.

“CFA has been a positive experience in my life. Through this service, we were introduced to a program called GoodSam, which is another volunteer-based emergency service.

Having this behind me in April of 2024, I decided to join the San Remo SES unit.”

Bianca hopes to bring a positive attitude to the team, to learn, and to play her part in being actively involved in the community and assisting during emergencies.

“Some of the initial training with SES is online, and some is hands-on, such as patient handling, search and rescue, sandbagging, and an introduction to road rescue,” Bianca explained.

“Recently, we had to complete a fit-for-duty course, involving carrying weights over a distance with obstacles, and I enjoyed the challenge.”

Bianca described that although all service training is challenging in terms of new knowledge and skills, she finds

juggling time between family, full-time work, and being an active member of both the CFA and SES, the hardest part.

“I feel lucky that my family, work crew, brigade, and SES unit are all very accommodating, encouraging, and always there to help me better myself in every way possible!”

Bianca said that the high standard of structured training each week helps volunteers be well prepared for a range of jobs they may be called out to.

“We have some very experienced and knowledgeable members at San Remo, and our Unit Controller, Mandy, is always offering extra support and training sessions to catch up. Currently, a few of us are training towards Crew Level 2, and beyond this, we can begin specialist training.”



**SES San Remo member Bianca Peters says she feels encouraged to be herself in every way possible and looks forward to learning more about road rescue as an SES volunteer.**



## Conrad Sewell ignites the fire on Phillip Island

THERE were arms waving, lights on, crowd singing in a fantastic evening on Saturday night at Berninnet as Conrad Sewell took his Firestone 10th anniversary – acoustic sessions tour to Phillip Island.

And whilst there were no kiss cams in sight, there was certainly hand holding, particularly during some of his biggest hits.

The audience was treated to an array of Conrad's tunes, from his ability to improvise on the spot about the life of one audience member, to a special dedication to Courtney, who seated in the audience had walked down the aisle to one of his songs, and even a preview to a yet to be released song.

Without giving too much away, it could just be Conrad's next big hit, a catchy tune, copy along chorus... here's waiting until August 15.

The tunes were interlaced with stories and recollections of Conrad's life. When he was writing them, the inspiration behind the piece, the challenges he has faced, and a rather fitting story that even when you're at your lowest you can still smash out an album with the right



Guests were treated to a great evening by Conrad Sewell at Berninnet. C30\_2925

people by your side. Even circumnavigating the younger ears in the audience, Conrad didn't shy away from his stint in rehab, nor his life since. He was honest and in what he exclaimed was a "sophisticated" audience, compared to his more recent pub plays, it was more than well received.

Kicking the night off was René Le Feuvre, an Aussie from up north, who grew up on a mango farm. Feuvre is a rising singer-songwriter known for his captivating storytelling and dynamic live-looped sets and he didn't disappoint either. His sound weaving heartfelt indie folk with infectious acoustic

guitar riffs, creating an engaging and memorable performance.

There's no doubt 250-odd mouths randomly singing along to "Rosella" this week... even if it is just "whatever... together... Rosella..."

There is something special about experiencing standout performers in our own backyard this year... it's honestly fantastic, and hat's must go out to the programming team at Bass Coast Shire for truly a great line up. Who would have thought in a matter of month's you could experience Mark Seymour and the Undertow, Wonthaggi Theatrical Group's The Addams Family, Conrad Sewell, Melbourne Symphony Orchestra and then Pete Murray to name but less than a handful of the incredible acts.

And though there was no Horses on Saturday night, sorry Daryl Braithwaite fans, the audience was treated to a special Celine Dion number briefly... before the all-encompassing Firestone took over. It was everything one would have hoped for and more, as the "sophisticated" crowd jumped from their seats and a mini Norwegian dance party took place.

## The Mikado, top notch entertainment heads to Berninnet

GILBERT and Sullivan Opera Victoria (GSSV)'s 90th anniversary performance of The Mikado at Berninnet on August 9 and 10 promises an afternoon of pure delight.

Prepare to be entertained right from the first few bars of The Mikado overture with the GSSV orchestra setting the scene for a truly memorable performance from one of the world's oldest and most outstanding Gilbert and Sullivan ensembles.

An afternoon of song, wit and live music The Mikado is an enduringly popular comic opera with memorable music, endearing characters and some of the wittiest lyrical comedy in the English language.

Featuring much-loved songs from the toe-tapping sing-along crowd favourite Three Little Maids From School Are We, To Behold the Lord High Executioner and the perennial Tit Willow be prepared to be transported into the magical world that is Gilbert and Sullivan.

The Titipu special, arriving with the spurned Katisha, turns everything topsy-turvy with melodious mischief and preposterous plots.

Nanki-Poo loves Yum-Yum, but she's betrothed to Ko-Ko, the new Lord High Executioner.

When the Mikado or Emperor orders a beheading, Nanki-Poo and Ko-Ko try to come to an arrangement that doesn't involve anyone losing their head.

Poking fun at staid social norms, absurd etiquette and the weighty bureaucracy of colonising Victorian England, the distracting beauty of the

Japanese setting gives The Mikado an enduring, timeless quality.

Founded in 1935 by JC Williamson with the University of Melbourne and the Gilbert & Sullivan Society of Victoria, the Gilbert and Sullivan Society of Victoria Inc. (GSSV) is one of the three oldest continuously performing groups in Australia.

Rewritten with an extremely funny local reference, I've Got a Little List is a highlight of the show and sure to strike a humorous chord with local audiences.

"If you think you've seen too many Mikado's this one might be the one change your mind," said one critic.

Although predominantly an older audience for the matinee, the grandchildren in the crowd came away thoroughly entertained by the absurdity of this Gilbert and Sullivan farce.

Stand-out performances by Peter Hanway, John Parnutt, Cindy Lui, Lachlan McIntyre and Phil Elphinstone as Pooh Bah, Ko-Ko, Yum-Yum, Nanki-Poo and The Mikado, with superb musical direction by John Ferguson under the guiding hand of director, designer and choreographer Andrew McGrail, the GSSV can be justly proud of this touring masterpiece.

We look forward to a return visit to the Bass Coast by this outstanding company. Wheelchair spaces and companion seating are available at Berninnet, so don't be late.

With a full house expected for both performances, be sure to book early.

Tickets for The Mikado are available at basscoastculturalvenues.com.



Phil Ephinstone, a veteran performer in musical theatre, is The Mikado coming to Berninnet for two performances on the weekend of August 9 & 10. Photo: Torquil Syme.



Three Little Maids a toe-tapping sing-along highlight of Gilbert and Sullivan's Victoria's 90th anniversary performance of The Mikado coming to Berninnet in Cowes. Photo: Torquil Syme.

## Treble F Singers need a leader

WITH a focus on friendship and fun, Leongatha's Treble F Singers group continues to entertain audiences at various local events, having expanded considerably from its original six members, but needs an experienced pianist who can lead the choir following the departure of its musical director. The group rehearses on Tuesday afternoons at Leongatha Scout Hall.

Treble F Singers is for people who just like to sing and while it provides occasional public performances, that isn't the main priority. Established in 2022 as an interest group within Leongatha Probus Club, it soon became an incorporated independent group with an elected committee.

The group tends to specialise in songs people are familiar with, such as old standards and numbers from the sixties and seventies, often given a different spin through harmonies that vary in their complexity. While the aim is for everyone to achieve their potential, nobody will judge you if you hit the odd bung note.

Group members enjoy socialising, chatting over tea and biscuits during a break in rehearsal, the daytime practice session ideal for those who aren't keen on going out at night, creating a point of difference to other groups. Rehearsal takes place between 1-3pm on Tuesdays at Leongatha Scout Hall. If you would like to lead, play piano or just lend your voice to the cause, call the group's Secretary Josie on 0428 688 250, email [treblefs3953@gmail.com](mailto:treblefs3953@gmail.com) or pop in to a rehearsal.

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## Kick start

By Ps. Peter Muir, Grace Chapel, Archies Creek

DON'T we all get excited when we purchase something new.

We think about it, research, weigh up one against the other if there's a choice, put money aside if need be and then the moment of purchase.

This is so much better than that old one I had, we think to ourselves with satisfaction.

The update, upgrade, or step up was so worth it.

Up to now, I have talked in the realm of a new thing, for example a phone, maybe an appliance, a new tool for work, car, boat, a small garden tractor in the right application will be an appreciated help and could even make work fun.

Another example is changing things for the better at the age of 65; weight watching is one we can all associate with.

I thought how in the "Good Book" (the Bible) there are stories of people, instructions for improvements and suggestions for a happier experience of life.

Some require payment, but most upgrades or 'step-ups' in life need us to simply change the way we think, see, hear or do. We need to decide that if there is a better way then let's go with it and change.

One wife was asked what she admired most in her husband.

Her reply was this, "if he needs to change, he just does it".

One young man and I were talking about getting motivated in life.

I said there are three possible ways I can think of:

Kick start.

Electric start (key start, not zapped).

Self start.

What is your choice?

So what is our choice – if we need to change to improve, do we need a kick or something externally stronger?

I like to take a step of faith, say something like, "Well God, let's work on this together so I can be fine-tuned and ready to do this life of mine better."

He is an expert at this.





**Brett Wood releases invigorating new single Eyes, currently touring with Pete Murray.**

## Brett Wood steps out as a solo artist

LAST week, prolific singer, guitarist and songwriter Brett Wood continued his ascent as a solo artist, releasing his sumptuous sophomore single, Eyes from his forthcoming debut album.

An undeniable pillar in the Australian music community, with his resume spanning working alongside Pete Murray for 20 years, tenure with Melbourne rock act Electric Mary, and as an in-demand session musician, including appearing on 360's breakout 2011 album Falling and Flying, Brett Wood is the ultimate musical lifer you've potentially never heard of – until now.

Stepping out of the shadows and following on from his debut solo outing Real Piece Of Work, Eyes also arrived on Tuesday, July 15, amid Brett touring as a key part of Pete Murray's current 56-date tour, including The Union Theatre, Wonthaggi on August 22 at 7pm.

Pulsing with hypnotic grooves and a simmering blues beat, Eyes is a polished outing from Brett, building a moody yet invigorating backdrop around lashings of soul, a hooky guitar solo and Brett's effortless vocals.

Inspired by the soulful and rhythmic acoustic stylings of Bill Withers, the sharply relatable lyricism and magnetic tension throughout Eyes also found its origins in a moment of self-reflection for Brett, as he elaborates, "Bill Withers helped to shape the sound of Eyes, for his forceful rhythm playing, that's all over the intro. Then there's Stevie Ray Vaughan, not the fast licks, but his overlooked melodic playing. The solo in Eyes is more of a hook than a shred; it's emotional. Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers snuck in there, too; you might hear echoes of Mary Jane's Last Dance. There's Sheryl Crow, who I used to spin constantly, and Pete Murray, you hang around a guy for 20 years, you pick up a thing or two. And for the blues heads, there's even a cheeky little nod to Blind Lemon Jefferson buried in the lyrics."

# Arockalypse IV returns louder than ever



**Willie J and the 6v6's to perform live at the Westernport Hotel for the 2025 Arockalypse.**



**Laura and The Hell Cutz. A five-piece 'Rage Girl Grunge' is ready to ignite the 2025**

THIS August, the thunder returns. The Westernport Hotel in San Remo is gearing up for the fourth instalment of Arockalypse – a festival that has carved out its own furious identity in Victoria's live music scene.

On August 2, 2025, the amps go up to eleven once more as Arockalypse IV explodes with an even grittier lineup, a regional arts grant backing it, and a clear message: chaos is an art form, and it's alive on the coast.

The night will be nothing short of an auditory onslaught. Eleven original bands – six local and five Melbourne powerhouses – will tear through the main stage, including Hot Machine, Willie J's 6v6's, Pizza Death, Space Junk, Laura and the Hell Cutz, The Dropkicks, The Foxy Junes, Ratbird, Boxthorn, Book Runner, and Chrome Gypsy.

Festival organiser and local artist Nick Carver, whose relentless energy has driven the festival since its inception, says Arockalypse has become more than a gig – it's a pulse point for original rock culture.

"It's chaotic in the best possible way," Nick said.

"From the start, we wanted to give original bands a place to be loud, raw, and unapologetically themselves. Now,

four years in, it feels like a movement."

That movement just got official recognition. The 2025 Arockalypse was recently awarded a Regional Arts Grant, one of only seven recipients in all of Victoria.

"We're one of only seven recipients in Victoria, so it's a massive win!" said Nick.

"It's a real nod to the legitimacy of what we're building here – not just for San Remo, but for regional rock in general."

This year's Arockalypse embraces its expanding scope. From punk fury to psych rock and experimental breakdowns, each band is a piece of the puzzle – loud, unpredictable, and passionately original.

As with every Arockalypse, it's the crowd that transforms the night.

"Every band feeds off the energy in that room," Nick explains.

It's like plugging into the wall. People don't just watch – they throw themselves into the music, into the moment.

An immersive community vibe, and a surge of regional pride, Arockalypse IV promises not only to shake the walls, but to shift the culture, and open the stage to bands that are ready to share their talent.

Tickets are on sale now via [thewesternport.com.au](http://thewesternport.com.au).

## Send us your photos

If you're having a 21st, club function, wedding, or other social event, take some photos, name the people in the snaps and email to [news@sgst.com.au](mailto:news@sgst.com.au)

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MOUNTAIN GOAT





Nick and Stephen watch Power play the Tigers at the Wonthaggi Recreation Reserve. B43\_2925



Graeme and Glen show their support for Wonthaggi Power. B45\_2925



Steve and Michelle enjoy the footy with dogs Sammy and Benji. B47\_2925



Maddie, Lincoln and Kate were having a great time exploring the dinosaur fossils from Museum Victoria in Korumburra. ob02\_2925



Chloe Yates from Inverloch catches up with supporting act René Le Feuvre after the show. C31\_2925



Phillip Island local Heather Davies with Conrad Sewell during a meet n' greet after the show! C32\_2925



One of the lucky Sentinel-Times competition winners Amy Wagenaar hugs musician Conrad Sewell on Saturday evening following the show.



Appealing to all generations Trudy and grandson Ronan enjoying The Mikado coming to Berninnet on August 9 and 10 (FIRST SHOW SOLD OUT). B71\_2925



Nancy and Ryan from Cape Paterson enjoying a preview of Gilbert and Sullivan's The Mikado coming to Berninnet on August 9 and 10. B72\_2925



Pictures of you and your friends at Wonthaggi v Morwell, Leongatha and Korumburra Library holiday sessions, Firestone 10th Anniversary: Acoustic Sessions Tour, and preview of Gilbert and Sullivan's The Mikado.



Bella, Lily, Sasha and Evvi cheer on Wonthaggi Power at home against Morwell. B44\_2925



Atticus, Django and Ziggy with mum Kate were having a great time learning about and being handling the casts of real dinosaur bones. ob03\_2925



Jennifer and Iris were enjoying playing with dinosaur fossils and bones. ob04\_2925



Darcy and Eliza Cholmondeley show off Darcy's vibrant vehicle. A10\_2925



Will Thompson and his cousin Oscar Jackson display their creativity at Leongatha Library. A09\_2925



Locals Jodie and Lydia Arnup show the progress of Lydia's bus during Friday's school holiday activity at Leongatha Library. A06\_2925



Leongatha's Lachy and Georgia Norman pose with Lachy's colourful vehicle at their local library. A07\_2925



Augie, Henry and Poppy Bell enjoy Friday's school holiday session at Leongatha Library. A08\_2925

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## A pause in the market

THE median sales prices of houses have fallen in Wonthaggi from the first quarter down 4.2 per cent sitting at \$525,000 according to the latest data from the Real Estate Institute of Victoria (REIV). By comparison the regional Victorian average is sitting at \$620,000 up 2.6 per cent on last quarter.

Four-bedroom properties in Wonthaggi on average were fetching \$622,500, down \$77,500 from the regional state.

Across in Inverloch, the median sale is fetching \$823,000, down 1.5 per cent from the previous quarter, whilst in Cowes prices are up 0.8 per cent with the median house sitting at \$741,000.

Leongatha hasn't seen any quarterly change according to REIV.

In Foster, the median has jumped 5.5 per cent from the first quarter of 2025, with a four-bedroom averaging \$623,500.

"Things are okay, we are still getting enquiries," Alex Scott & Staff Wonthaggi Estate Agent Cal Nation said in discussion with the Sentinel-Times on Monday.

"Winter is always quiet, no matter where you are; it was a shame that interest rates didn't drop a fortnight ago."

The reasoning, according to the Reserve Bank of Australia Governor Michele Bullock on July 8, was because of "domestic data". Citing "We are reacting to the domestic data, domestic inflation data and the employment data and trying to find our way through it."

Back in Wonthaggi, Cal is hopeful of an August rates drop.

"Experts are confident of a drop next month, and if interest rates drop, we should see more buyers come back into the market. Come spring, it should pick up."

On the rental side, there are not many options, with Cal noting they are getting snapped up as quickly as they hit the market.

"There are definitely plenty of people looking for a rentals in the area."

Have a property to rent? Reach out to the team at Alex Scott & Staff.



## Historic building first time offered

Commercial

36 McCartin Street, Leongatha  
For Sale \$890,000  
Agent Alex Scott & Staff  
Tony Giles 0407 528 192

THIS rare, large office space in the heart of Leongatha and close to the Commonwealth Bank and National Australia Bank is now on the market.

One of the oldest buildings in Leongatha, the building at 36 McCartin Street had been the home of newspaper The Great Southern Star since it was built in the 1920s.

The former 'Star' office with its rendered cream exterior and stepped, embossed parapet, is a visually significant part of McCartin Street and the Leongatha commercial area.

Whilst retaining the original façade, the building was renovated in the early 2000s, retaining the large office at the front, adding a second storey whilst removing the old printing works and creating a secure tenant at the rear.

The vacant spaces include a downstairs area of approximately 171.92 square metres and an upstairs space of 84.52 square metres, plus the tenanted section at the rear of 65 square metres.

The hairdresser in the rear shop facing the supermarket is on a secure lease until July 31, 2029. Current rental income is \$16,520.14 per annum with annual four per cent increases each August 1st.

The area would suit a variety of uses, including as professional offices.

Provision is provided for a communications/IT room, while there are ample phone and computer points to provide for a well-connected office.

Split system air conditioners throughout provide for ample comfort in summer or winter.

The office area was renovated in recent times and includes a combination of open plan areas, meeting and conference rooms and private management offices.

There is a spacious reception area featuring a magnificent timber front counter, waiting area, and administration offices.

There are two toilets shared in the middle of the building, while there are two kitchenettes, one upstairs.

Alex Scott and Staff Leongatha, is handling the sale of the building at the recently reduced price of \$890,000.

For further information or to inspect the property, please contact Tony Giles on 0407 528 192.



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36 McCartin Street, Leongatha

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This historic building is offered for sale for the first time with two shops consisting of a large, vacant space fronting McCartin Street and an upstairs office area totalling 255 square metres. The area would support large professional offices with a purpose built communications room plus ample phone/computer points servicing all office spaces.

Facing the rear is the second shop which is securely tenanted by an established hairdresser with the area being 72.5 square metres. The hairdresser is adjacent to the large Woolworths supermarket with ample parking available.

\$890,000 neg.

To arrange an inspection or for further details contact Alex Scott and Staff, Leongatha today.

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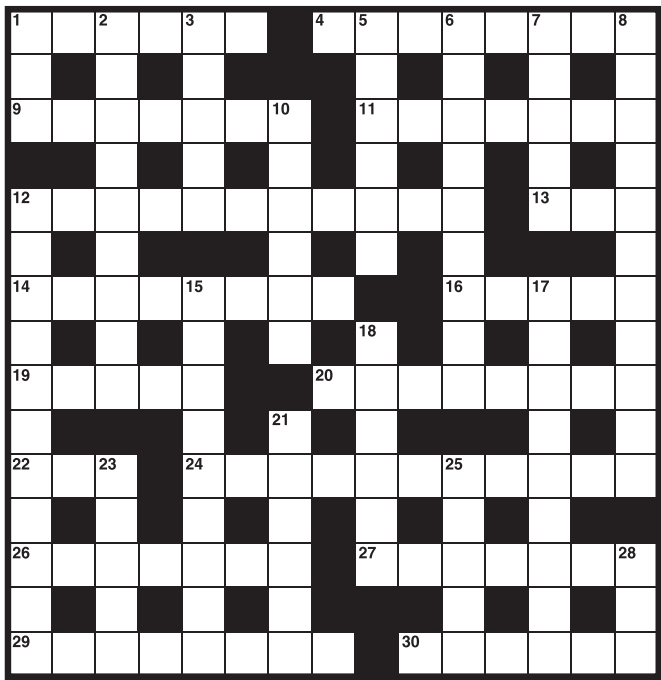
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CROSSWORD



- ACROSS
- 1 Office of the Pope (6)

4 Obscure (8)

9 Fault (7)

11 Reindeer (7)

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- 13 Determined (3)

14 Snack of bread slices (8)

16 Become liable to (5)

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20 Tissue death (8)

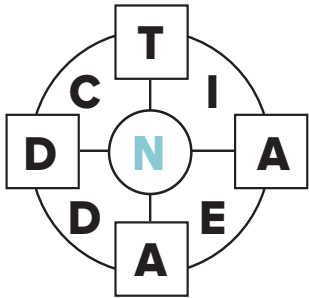
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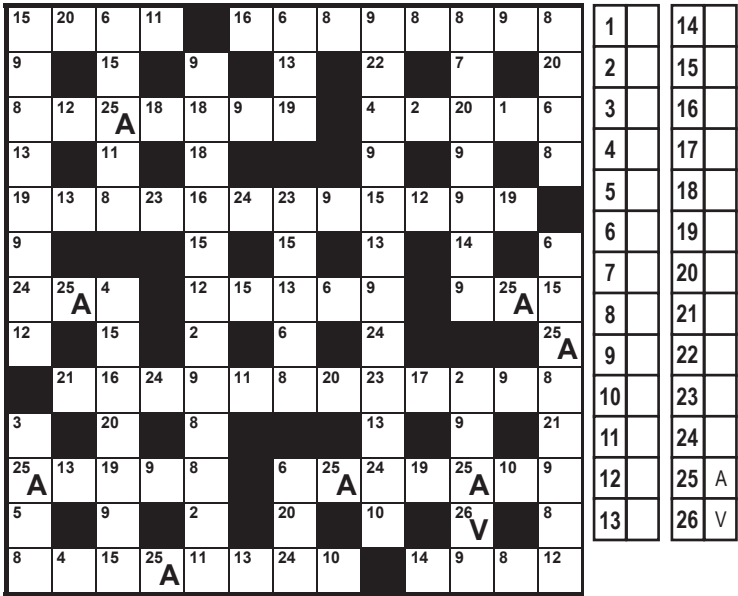
Using the nine letters in the grid, how many words of four letters or more can you list? The centre letter must be included and each letter may only be used once. No colloquial or foreign words. No capitalised nouns, apostrophes or plural nouns ending in 's'.

- Today's Aim:
- 16 words: Good
- 24 words: Very good
- 32 words: Excellent



CODEWORD

Each number corresponds to a letter of the alphabet. Two have been filled in for you, can you work out the rest?



QUICK QUIZ

1. Thanatology is the scientific study of what?

2. What is the only Tim Burton movie to star Christoph Waltz (pictured)?

3. How many countries do the Alps cross?

4. Which small lizard 'chirps'?

5. Lokum is the traditional name for what confection?

6. The star Polaris is more commonly known by what name?
7. Where in Spain is the Alhambra Palace located?

8. Who directed the 2009 film *Bran Nue Dae*?

9. At what age does a filly become classified as a mare?

10. What are the prongs of a fork called?



ANSWERS: 1. Death 2. Big Eyes 3. Eight 4. Gecko 5. Turkish delight 6. The North Star 7. Granada 8. Rachel Perkins 9. Four 10. Tines

No. 290

WORDFIT

- 3 LETTERS
- THEE

TWIN

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ARENA

ATOMS

BERET

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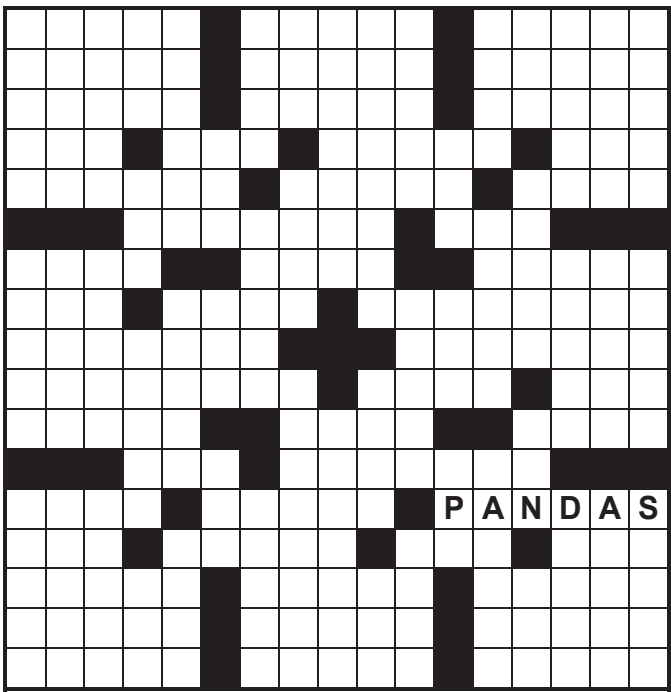
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- SLYLY
- SPORT
- STERN
- TAPES
- TASTE
- TELLS

- TENTS
- TORCH
- TREES
- USHER
- VISTA
- WHALE
- YESES

- 7 LETTERS
- BOTTLES

COASTAL

ENTREAT

INITIAL

LOWDOWN

RAPTURE

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- CLEAREST

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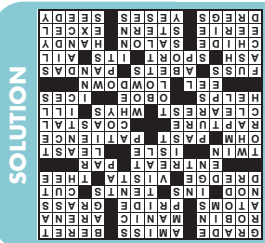
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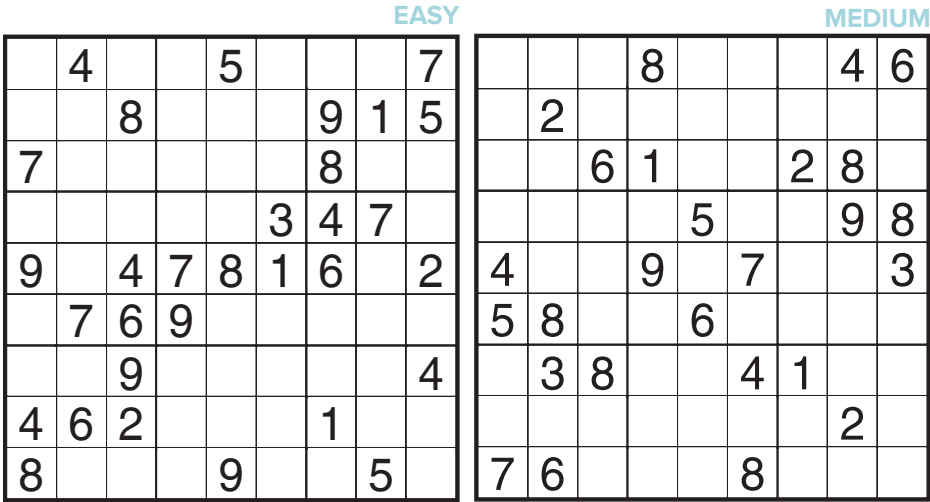
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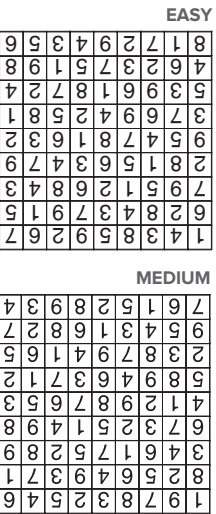


SUDOKU

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every number from 1 to 9 must appear in: each of the nine vertical columns, each of the nine horizontal rows and each of the nine 3 x 3 boxes. Remember, no number can occur more than once in any row, column or box.



SOLUTIONS



WORD SEARCH



Can you find all the words listed? The leftover letters will spell out a secret message.

- BANJO

BASS

BELL

CELLO

CHIMES

CLARINET

CYMBAL

FIDDLE

GONG

HARP

KETTLEDRUM
- KEYBOARD

LUTE

LYRE

MANDOLIN

MARIMBA

NIGHTINGALE

OBOE

OLIPHANT

ORGAN

PIANO

PICCOLO
- PIPE

QUAIL

SAXHORN

SAXOPHONE

SITAR

TRUMPET

TUBA

UKULELE

VIOLIN

YAMAHA

ZITHER

SECRET MESSAGE: A good music caption is always key, don't make A Major mistake





## Spirit of the Bush photo competition returns

RURAL Aid is proud to launch the sixth annual Spirit of the Bush Photo Competition. Australians are invited to share striking images that capture the strength, resilience and beauty of life on the land.

Running from July 14 to August 31, the much-loved competition provides a powerful platform for rural and regional Australians to tell their stories through the lens, stories of rugged beauty, resilience and community spirit in the face of hardship.

This year's competition comes after another challenging season of natural disasters, with floods, fires and droughts once again testing the resolve of the nation's rural heartland.

"Every year, we are humbled by the entries we receive; each photo is a tribute to the unwavering spirit of our farming families and communities," Rural Aid CEO John Warlters said.

"The Spirit of the Bush competition is more than a showcase of talent. It's a reminder of the grit and determination that keeps rural Australia going, even through the toughest of times."

Entrants are invited to submit a high-resolution, landscape photograph that represents the true Spirit of the Bush.

Photos can be submitted via Instagram or Facebook by tagging @ruralaid in the image and using the hashtag #SOTB2025.

Entries can also be submitted, and the competition terms and conditions can be reviewed, via the website at [ruralaid.org.au/spirit-of-the-bush](http://ruralaid.org.au/spirit-of-the-bush).

## Have your say to improve the On Farm Connectivity Program

THE Federal Government is seeking input from community and industry stakeholders on the popular On Farm Connectivity Program to ensure it is delivering the best outcomes for primary producers through the upcoming third round.

Through over \$30 million in rebates provided over the first two rounds, thousands of primary producers have been able to extend connectivity and take advantage of connected machinery and sensor technology.

The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts is requesting feedback on options to adjust the program to ensure opportunities are optimised for primary producers to address connectivity gaps.

Proposed changes to the program include refining the scope of equipment eligible for rebate and streamlining processes by providing rebates directly to primary producers.

The public consultation builds on discussions already underway with state and federal government agencies and industry representatives.

For more information and to have your say on the proposed changes for round three, visit the On Farm Connectivity Program round three consultation page.

Consultation closes on Tuesday, August 26.

## Bundy, takes on the 2025 Cobber Challenge

WORKING dog Bundaberg (or Bundy), a Border Collie cross Kelpie and Wonthaggi dairy farmer Jess Zammit are representing Bass Coast and the state of Victoria by taking on the 2025 Cobber Challenge to find the hardest working dog; however, Jess's journey is different, she joined the challenge to showcase the transformative journey of a rescue dog.

Bundy was living in a rural New South Wales pound after being declared a 'failed working dog' and was due to go under euthanasia in 24 hours if he wasn't claimed.

"I saw this little black and white boy, and my heart went out to him; after contacting the pound, he was then transported to the farm in Bass Coast," said Jess.

"The first 24 hours were very testing times. We didn't get along at the beginning; he was not overly receptive to having a human in his life. He did show a fair bit of aggression early on, and this was a wake-up call for me, because I'd only ever trained puppies, but this was a troubled dog that someone had given up on, so it was a lot of fundamental and foundational bond-building in the early stages."

Although Jess was used to working with female dogs, she knew that through patience, persistence and foundation training that she could build his trust and connect with him.

What began with lead training and recall, because Bundy had no basic training at all, "he was a total blank canvas with trauma," Jess explained. Jess worked tirelessly with him, day to day, building their bond. Then two months on, purely for instinct testing,



**Bass Coast farmer Jess and her dog Bundaberg are vying for the crown of Australia's hardest-working dog.**

Jess popped Bundy in a round yard with a couple of sheep, and she said, 'It just blossomed from there.'

Jess then established working dog training, taking Bundy along to Beloka Kelpies in Welshpool, where she worked with Paul and Bundy for several sessions.

Over time, and now two years on from his rescue, Bundy has transformed into a loyal, confident worker with a unique ability to manage stubborn livestock and make independent decisions based on Jess's cues.

By entering the Cobber Challenge, Jess hopes to inspire others to consider rescue dogs as capable, loyal and hardworking teammates. The Cobber Challenge is an annual showdown where the country's best working dogs go paw-to-paw in a tribute to the unsung heroes of farms, the four-legged legends behind Australia's multi-billion-dollar

agriculture industry. This year's competition is set to be its best yet and is in its milestone tenth edition.

Each dog will be fitted with a GPS tracker to log how far, how fast and how long they work each day over a three-week period. Points are scored based on distance, speed, and duration. It's three weeks of grit, grind, and good old-fashioned Aussie hustle.

At the end of the competition, one top dog will rise above the rest to claim bragging rights, \$3000 cash, the legendary Cobber Challenge trophy and a year's supply of Cobber Working Dog feed.

"We went from a 15-acre hobby farm to a 600-acre dairy farm, and this challenge is showcasing the different capabilities of working dogs within our Aussie community," said Jess.

Jess's journey with Bundy underscores that with the right guidance, you really can help transform a dog's life.

## Farming experts sought for drought services

AGRICULTURE Victoria is continuing to back farmers and regional communities through the drought with more one-on-one support services and practical workshops.

Acting Executive Director Agriculture Sector Development and Services Kate Linden said agriculture organisations, service providers and consultants are encouraged to apply their expertise to help support farmers across the state.

"Agriculture Victoria is seeking quotes from service providers with specialist farm management technical expertise to work with us in delivering one-on-one consultations and group-based events," she said.

"Every farm is different, so it's critical that we have a range of service providers to deliver the professional business and technical advice our farmers need right now.

"Technical specialists such as agronomists, livestock nutritionists, veterinarians, pasture and graze specialists, and farm business advisors are encouraged to submit a quote to deliver practical advice on subjects such as feed budgeting, farm business and financial management, and managing farm water shortages.

"We are looking for specialists to deliver our one-on-one service, which offers farmers the opportunity to sit down one-on-one with a consultant to discuss the best way to forward their business in the current season.

"The one-on-one advisory service has been well received in south west Victoria, with 140 farmers taking up the opportunity since last October. It's been pleasing to hear 90 per cent of participants have already implemented the action plan created with their consultant.

"We are also seeking partners to deliver farm group events in local farming districts across the state, to discuss topical drought management issues and opportunities, and connect with like-minded farmers.

"Having access to specialists and sharing challenges and approaches with other farmers at a workshop, field day or farm walk is incredibly valuable.

"Between September 2024 and June 2025, a series of 45 workshops were held across the south west, attended by 955 farmers.

"The events provided practical, science-based support to manage feed and water supply, animal nutrition and pasture planning."

Request for quotes are invited up until Thursday, July 31.

For more information and to register, visit the Agriculture Victoria website.

To view the full range of financial, technical and wellbeing support available to drought-affected farmers, visit [agriculture.vic.gov.au/drought](http://agriculture.vic.gov.au/drought) or phone 136 186.

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MARKET REPORT

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Weaners lift as locals return to the market

By SGSAA

AGENTS yarded another good yarding of around 1500 head as Thursday's VLE Leongatha store sale

Prices remained steady for the mid and heavy weight feeder steers and heifers with the regular feedlot orders securing a large percentage as usual.

There was increased demand from locals again this week in the steer weaners with the top end calves making \$5 and upwards.

Xbreds and secondary types, and cows and calves held firm on recent price improvements.

| Leongatha Store Sale on Thursday, July 10, 2025 Steers |       |        |        |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-------|--------|--------|
| Stonewarra 16 Angus                                    | 621kg | \$4.63 | \$2880 |
| Cameron Bros 21 Angus                                  | 611kg | \$4.74 | \$2900 |
| J Luke 12 Angus                                        | 604kg | \$4.46 | \$2700 |
| J Alicata 12 Angus                                     | 596kg | \$4.42 | \$2640 |
| Cameron Bros 15 Hereford                               | 576kg | \$4.25 | \$2450 |
| Est A Birss 22 Angus                                   | 557kg | \$4.84 | \$2700 |
| Baillie Bros 19 Angus                                  | 551kg | \$4.78 | \$2640 |
| WAngusara 13 Hereford                                  | 543kg | \$4.36 | \$2370 |
| Heart Park 12 Angus                                    | 538kg | \$5.01 | \$2700 |
| Pearson 15 Angus                                       | 528kg | \$4.35 | \$2300 |
| Baillie Bros 19 Angus                                  | 521kg | \$5.00 | \$2610 |
| WAngusara 12 Hereford                                  | 513kg | \$4.32 | \$2220 |
| Pearson 15 Angus                                       | 509kg | \$4.12 | \$2100 |
| Country Inv 10 BB                                      | 504kg | \$4.32 | \$2180 |
| O'hara 11 Angus                                        | 503kg | \$4.65 | \$2340 |
| Pocklington 12 Angus                                   | 488kg | \$4.73 | \$2310 |
| J Surace 11 Hereford                                   | 488kg | \$4.65 | \$2270 |
| Tumino 13 Angus                                        | 487kg | \$4.59 | \$2240 |
| Cheeky Chilli 24 Angus                                 | 474kg | \$4.74 | \$2250 |
| Melaleuca Past 20 Angus                                | 441kg | \$4.73 | \$2090 |
| G Fox 15 Angus                                         | 420kg | \$4.28 | \$1800 |
| R Croke 13 Angus                                       | 398kg | \$4.39 | \$1750 |
| A Shields 10 Angus                                     | 375kg | \$4.12 | \$1550 |
| P Mattern 18 Charo                                     | 371kg | \$4.38 | \$1630 |
| Collins 11 Angus                                       | 345kg | \$4.40 | \$1520 |
| Satra 20 Angus                                         | 343kg | \$4.83 | \$1660 |
| B Fleming 13 Angus                                     | 315kg | \$4.82 | \$1520 |
| Missen Farming 18 Angus                                | 308kg | \$5.27 | \$1630 |
| Blackridge Past 10 Angus                               | 303kg | \$4.25 | \$1300 |
| Campbell 25 Angus                                      | 288kg | \$5.20 | \$1500 |
| S & B McConnachie 10 Angus                             | 272kg | \$4.55 | \$1240 |
| Campbell 25 Angus                                      | 268kg | \$5.44 | \$1460 |
| H Bland 12 Charox                                      | 255kg | \$4.30 | \$1100 |
| Doonagatha 21 Angus                                    | 249kg | \$5.10 | \$1270 |
| Williams 11 Angus                                      | 247kg | \$4.89 | \$1210 |
| Pi Operations 20 Angus                                 | 241kg | \$4.97 | \$1200 |
| Hazelview 15 Angus                                     | 240kg | \$4.58 | \$1100 |
| Campbell 17 Angus                                      | 237kg | \$5.44 | \$1290 |
| Doonagatha 22 Angus                                    | 228kg | \$5.26 | \$1200 |
| JLR Hold 15 Angus                                      | 201kg | \$5.37 | \$1080 |

| Heifers:                 |       |        |        |
|--------------------------|-------|--------|--------|
| G Wallis 12 Angus        | 400kg | \$4.12 | \$1650 |
| Shima Nojo 18 Angus      | 348kg | \$3.78 | \$1090 |
| Est B Cantwell 23 Char X | 314kg | \$4.25 | \$1336 |
| Gb Pastoral 23 Angus     | 288kg | \$3.78 | \$1090 |
| White 20 Angus           | 236kg | \$4.02 | \$950  |
| White 20 Ang             | 227kg | \$4.18 | \$950  |

| Lardner Park Calf Market Report |               |  |  |
|---------------------------------|---------------|--|--|
| Monday, July 14, 2025           |               |  |  |
| Jersey & Jersey x               | \$18 to \$30  |  |  |
| Friesian Bulls                  | \$25 to \$80  |  |  |
| Beef Bulls                      | \$40 to \$110 |  |  |
| Beef Heifers                    | \$35 to \$58  |  |  |
| Friesian Heifers                | \$29 to \$100 |  |  |
| Number of Calves:               | 262           |  |  |
| Number purchased to rear:       | 52            |  |  |

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Local young auctioneers aiming for national competition

JAKE Anthony of Phelan & Henderson & Co, and Nutrien South Gippsland Livestock's James Robbins were in action at Thursday's Leongatha Store Sale, the pair set to compete in September's Victorian Young Auctioneers Competition run by the Australian Livestock and Property Agents Association.

Jake and James will be in a field of 10 at Mortlake, where they earned their finals spots at the recent two-day young auctioneers school, with September's winner and runner-up to progress to the 2026 National Young Auctioneers Competition at Sydney's Royal Easter Show.

Simon Henderson of Phelan & Henderson & Co encouraged Jake to take part in the young auctioneers school and test himself against up-and-coming agents.

Simon, who was the National Young Auctioneer of the Year in 1994, said the competition is great for a young person's career and confidence, as well as building valuable contacts who can help when challenges arise, such as needing agistment for



Jake Anthony and James Robbins are looking forward to testing themselves at the Victorian Young Auctioneers Competition, hoping to become Victoria's representatives on the national stage. A05\_2925

cattle as seasons change.

The National winner earns a trip to the Calgary Stampede in Canada, Simon still fondly recalling his adventure there.

Judging takes account of auctioneering style, diction, ability to identify the value of livestock and achieve appropriate prices, and how

you control the sale.

James is looking forward to September's competition, saying he is fine-tuning a few skills and getting a bit more practice in day-to-day selling in the lead-up.

"It's a good thing to have a go at, and get your name out there," he said, noting the chance to meet people and get some experience under your belt and enjoying the opportunity to test himself in a different setting.

While determined to do his best, Jake said Simon encourages him to enjoy the opportunity.

Jake started out selling bulls, his progress seeing him get a go across all categories at Prime and Store Sales.

"Having a go at a wide range of selling styles, for example cents per kilo, dollars per head, you get a lot of practice," he said, noting you learn how to use your voice effectively and tailor your style to the type of buyers present.

The Young Auctioneers Competition replicates a Prime Sale approach, the focus on cents per kilo, with cattle weighed after sale.

A competitors' dinner at the Warrnambool Racing Club on Sunday, September 14 will be followed by competition the following day at Mortlake's Western Victorian Livestock Exchange.

Yarram Koala Conservation Centre a step closer

A PROPOSED Strzelecki Koala Conservation Centre and Hospital in Yarram has moved a step closer after Future of Yarram secured funding from the State Government's Community Development Fund to conduct a feasibility study.

The Nationals Member for Gippsland South, Danny O'Brien, congratulated Future of Yarram on its success, describing the project as a promising step toward regional renewal and environmental leadership.

"This is a real credit to the

Yarram & District Progress Association, which has taken on the Future of Yarram project with enthusiasm, strategic focus and strong community engagement," Mr O'Brien said.

The study will explore the potential for a world-class conservation, education and tourism facility in the region with an aim to support local koala populations while boosting economic development and visitor attraction in Yarram and the Strzelecki Ranges.

Future of Yarram has received

\$155,171 to work in partnership with leading ecological consultants Biolink and destination planning experts TRC Tourism to further develop the Koala Conservation Centre and Hospital proposal, which would include education and research infrastructure and a visitor centre.

Mr O'Brien said that while the State Government's forced closure of the native timber industry has caused serious disruption and uncertainty for communities like Yarram, it is encouraging to see projects like

this progressing.

"Like many communities across Gippsland, Yarram took a hit from Labor's decision to shut down native forestry, but this community continues to push forward with vision and determination. Projects like the Koala Centre show how locally led planning can shape a positive future."

Mr O'Brien said he looks forward to seeing the outcomes of the feasibility study and will continue to support community-led development initiatives.

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Pedal, walk, hop, skip or join a guided tour along the Great Southern Rail Trail to help celebrate National Tree Day and Landcare Week for fun, for tree planting and for the koalas at Ruby on Sunday, July 27.

Celebrate National Tree Day with Landcare this Sunday

SOUTH Gippsland Landcare Network's (SGLN) annual Pedal & Plant community planting day, on Sunday, July 27, is once again set to be a brilliant day for the whole community to plant a tree, create koala habitat and gather to celebrate our beautiful region.

SGLN is partnering with the South Gippsland Shire Council and Arawata Landcare Group for a fun day on the Great Southern Rail Trail, planting 1500 indigenous trees, shrubs and grasses to enhance koala habitat.

The day will be made even better by a free and delicious lunch provided by Leongatha Rotary and Leongatha Lions Clubs.

Approximately 80 per cent of koala habitat has been decimated since European settlement.

Revegetation of the landscape is an important way in which the community can help with the preservation of this iconic species.

"SGLN's annual event is a fantastic opportunity for the local community to care for our beautiful and unique environment in South Gippsland," said Jillian Station, South Gippsland Landcare Network chair.

"This year's Pedal and Plant has been made possible through the SGLN Fund with proceeds directed at protecting and enhancing koala habitat."

SGLN and its partners are working towards protecting koala habitat and

extending revegetation efforts across the landscape, allowing koalas to move safely through the environment.

The annual Pedal & Plant event has been made possible by the generous donations from the South Gippsland Seed Bank and SGLN Koala Fund, which has enabled the purchase of plants, plant guards and amenities for the day.

"Arawata Landcare Group is grateful to all the members of the community who have donated to the SGLN Koala habitat fund which is purchasing plants for this event," said Nick Dudley, Arawata Landcare Group president.

"We look forward to the community coming together for this annual event, in an iconic landscape."

Over the past few weeks, local primary schools have been decorating tree guards, which will be used on the day to form a beautiful outdoor gallery while also protecting seedlings until they are established.

So, pedal, walk, hop, skip or join a guided tour along the Great Southern Rail Trail for fun, tree planting and the koalas at Ruby this weekend.

To join in on the day, register at: <https://events.humanitix.com/pedaland-plant-2025>. To help support SGLN's work in creating koala habitat, visit: [sgln.net.au/2024/10/12/fund](http://sgln.net.au/2024/10/12/fund). To find out more about SGLN visit: [sgln.net.au](http://sgln.net.au) or contact facilitators: [jane@sgln.net.au](mailto:jane@sgln.net.au) or [nick.stephens@sgln.net.au](mailto:nick.stephens@sgln.net.au).



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A/c Alisha Cook (BAW BAW)

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15 Angus heifers

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A/c B Powt (BAW BAW)

20 Angus steers, 12 mths

A/c D C Mc Grath, Phillip Island (ALEX SCOTT)

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Sam Nolen was inaugurated into the Probus Club of Anderson's Inlet, pictured with President Robert Pascoe presenting her with her Certificate of Membership, lapel pin and name badge.

## Probus Club welcomes Sam Nolen

AT THE July 2025 meeting of the Probus Club of Anderson's Inlet in Inverloch, Sam Nolen was inaugurated into the Club.

Sam was keen to join the Club as she had attended three previous meetings and enjoyed herself.

President Robert Pascoe presented Sam with her Certificate of Membership, lapel pin and name badge. Robert welcomed her and wished her well on becoming a new member.

Probus is open to retirees and pre-retirees. It offers fellowship, trips and outings, regular monthly meetings, including interesting guest speakers. They always welcome visitors to attend their meetings and functions.

The Probus Club of Anderson's Inlet meets on the third Thursday of the month at the Inverloch R.S.L. Club-rooms, Inverloch at 10am. For further information, please contact Jill Widmer, Secretary, on 0478 227 072.

CONVERSATION with Claire



Treely Edible to host planting day  
By author Claire Chitty

ONE of the outcomes of the South Coast Community Leadership Program, offered by the South Gippsland and Bass Coast Shire Councils to volunteers, is to strengthen leadership through skills workshops and networking opportunities.

I was fortunate to be one of 25 people selected to join this six-month program, which has been both informative, and more importantly, to see the amazing contributions and difference people are making in local communities.

Our 'Treely Edible' group consists of five talented individuals who come with a range of capabilities and from locations across the region.

Initially, we had 'big plans' and explored several possibilities: a dance and dine event, a bush to bowl experience, tree planting in Mirboo North or wind-breaks on farmland.

It wasn't a walk in the park.

We contacted existing associations, made countless phone calls and called in favours.

What began as a vision quickly became a test of resilience as our best-laid plans faced stumbling blocks.

Surprisingly, the bigger organisations were not overly helpful until – Harry met, not Sally, but Jessica from Back-yard Botany.

Fast forward to July 27, 1-4pm, the Inverloch Tennis Club will host our Edible Bush Food Planting Day.

Jess, a qualified ethnobotanist, will hold an educational workshop introducing finger lime, Geraldton wax, lemon grass, lemon myrtle, lilly lilly, midyim, munties, salt bush, male and female Tasmanian mountain pepper trees and thyme, which, with sleeves rolled up, the attendees will help dig into existing garden beds.

Bookings are essential, and for the first 50 registered participants, they'll receive a free plant to take home.

Additional plants will be available to purchase on the day.

A soup and sausage snack will be offered to those attending.

Whether you're a curious home gardener or a keen conservationist, this immersive experience is about fostering community, reviving forgotten wisdom, and empowering locals to see their own landscapes differently.

Bookings are essential.

\*Jess conducts coastal foraging walks, installs native edible gardens and gives talks on native edible plants.

(Ethnobotany is the study of local cultural plants to use in cooking and for medicinal purposes).

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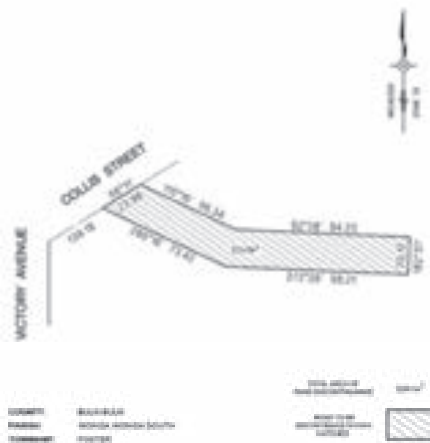
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**PROPOSED ROAD DISCONTINUANCE**  
Unused Road – Rooney Street Foster



Council at its ordinary meeting held 16 July 2025 proposed to commence statutory procedures to discontinue an unused road known as Rooney Street Foster (shown in the plan above) with an area of 3241m<sup>2</sup> pursuant to s.206, s.223, and Schedule 10 clause 3(a) of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

A person may make a submission to this proposal. Submissions are to be received no later than 5.00pm Tuesday 19 August 2025 addressed to the CEO.

Any person making a submission is entitled to be heard in support of the submission. If a person or a representative wish to be heard in support of the submission, they must state this in their submission. Copies of the submitter's name and address will be disclosed at any public Council meeting at which the proposal will be considered. If no submissions are received, the proposal will be implemented.

For more information, visit: [yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/rooney-street-foster](http://yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/rooney-street-foster)



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# Inverloch lifesavers awarded national medal recognising 15 years

ELEVEN Victorian lifesavers, including Angela Malan and Robert O'Neill, both of Inverloch SLSC, have received the National Medal as an acknowledgement of their outstanding service to lifesaving. The National Medal is awarded to those who "risk their lives to protect or assist the community in enforcement of law or in times of emergency or natural disaster". Recipients must have served a minimum of 30 patrol hours per year over 15 years to be eligible for the medal. LSV CEO Cath Greaves commended recipients for their skill, dedication and selflessness. "Our volunteer lifesavers make an incredible contribution to our movement and our community. I'm delighted to see that acknowledged through the National Medal," Ms. Greaves said.

Full list of recipients:

- National Medal – 1st Clasp (25 Years of Service)
- John Takac ESM – Lorne SLSC
- Jerry Vochtelloo – Ocean Grove SLSC

National Medal (15 Years of Service)

- Dylan Griffiths – Black Rock LSC
- Oliver Bliem – Fairhaven SLSC
- Angela Malan – Inverloch SLSC
- Robert O'Neill – Inverloch SLSC
- Kenneth Woodward – Lakes Entrance SLSC
- Jarred McCombe – Lorne SLSC
- Jessica Sincock – Lorne SLSC
- James Terrance – Ocean Grove SLSC
- Brett Armstrong – Port Melbourne LSC



Inverloch lifesaver Robert O'Neill has been awarded his 15 years of service.



Lifesaver Angela Malan's 15 years of service to Inverloch Life Saving Club has been recognised.

## Local sports clubs receive grants

A NUMBER of local sporting clubs have received a new wave of grants with the announcement made last week by Acting Minister for Community Sport Gayle Tierney. The program provides funding for equipment and uniforms, taking the financial burden off clubs and support for volunteers and officials to learn new skills and deliver new programs. It also aims to help local clubs grow and provide more opportunities for people to get involved in the community and sports they love. Meeniyan Bowling Club received \$1000, which will go towards purchasing portable steps to make it easier for bowlers to step down to and up out of the green and it will also go towards purchasing a portable first aid kit. "Instead of just having one that's attached to the wall in the club rooms, we can actually take the kit out onto the green if someone's injured. Makes it much easier," said Dawn, a member of the Meeniyan Bowling Club. "It'll be much appreciated by our bowlers." While the Gippsland Soccer League has been allocated \$1000 towards match balls for their U12 divisions for nine of their member clubs. "The grant to purchase the size four match balls for distribution to our clubs will ensure consistency across the league each week for matches between teams, giving the players a better experience," said Michelle Moon, league administrator.

Other local grant recipients included the Leongatha Gymnastics Club, Leongatha Imperials Cricket Club, Leongatha Little Athletics Club and Mirboo North United Football Club. In Bass Coast recipients include Inverloch Football Netball Club, Phillip Island and District Basketball Association, Wonthaggi Power Football & Netball Club and Wonthaggi United Soccer Club. Since 2014, the Sporting Club Grants Program has invested more than \$19.5 million in local communities to support thousands of sport and recreation clubs across the state. The program is backed by the Regional Community Sport Development Fund which is delivering infrastructure upgrades and other programs including the Regional Community Sport Infrastructure Fund to help more regional Victorians to get active and be a part of their local sporting clubs.

## Splashing finish to the holidays for SGB

IT WAS a busy end to the school holidays for the 27 SGB swimmers competing at the Traralgon Doc Shop Cup on Sunday at the Regional Aquatic Centre. The majority of the team racing were competing for qualifying times at next month's short course Country Championships, and there were several happy swimmers, adding more swims to their event list. The longer distance events were run as mixed events, so swimmers got to race against their training partners to see who got to claim bragging rights. Coach Dylan was pleased with their efforts. "They have swum really well and I'm really looking forward to watching them compete against regional Victoria's best in Bendigo in a couple of weeks." Several SGB swimmers ended up in the hot heats, where the winner of the heat won a prize. Fiercely contested, especially by sisters Bel and Emily Croatto, who finished with three-second PBs and 0.4 of a second between them. Next week is the last chance to swim a qualifying time for the Country Championships, with the club hosting a home meet at the pool in Leongatha on Sunday.

## Locals set to compete in Australian Surf Championships

EBONY Maier, Natalie van der Hayden, Sian Adnam and Graeme Burgan have headed north this week to compete at the Australian Surf Championships on the Tweed Coast. Surfing Victoria announced the line up of Victorians last Friday, with the competition running from today (July 22) to 27. "Good luck to all Victorians competing in the event over the coming weeks" said Surfing Victoria CEO Adam Robertson. "Longboarding is going from strength to strength in Victoria and we are proud to have one of the strongest pathways for longboard surfing in the country. The representative team that goes to the Australian Surf Championships each year is a key part of that and I look forward to following the results."



Natalie Van Der Hayden will join three other Phillip Island locals this week on the Tweed Coast for the Australian Surf Championships. Photo: Noah Clifford / Surfing Victoria.

VICTORIAN LONGBOARD TEAM

- Josiah Skarratt – Somers (Under 18 Boys)
- Harry Nelson – Torquay (Under 18 Boys)
- Ben Considine – Barwon Heads (Open Men)
- Tasman Dunton – McCrae (Open Men)
- Thomas Fahey – Balnarring (Open Men)
- Nathan Rivalland – Jan Juc (Open Men)
- Bea Conroy – Pt Lonsdale (Open Women)
- Ebony Maier – Cape Woolamai (Open Women)

- Rori Reyntjes – Torquay (Open Women)
- Natalie van der Hayden – Cape Woolamai (Open Women)
- Jaz Felsinger – Safety Beach (Open Women)
- Eglantine Balland – Carrum (Open Women & Over 40 Women)
- Melanie Staunton – Belmont (Open Women)
- Jess MacLeish – Dromana (Over 40 Women)
- Melanie Renton – Ocean Grove (Over 40 Women)
- Mark Miccoli – Patterson Lakes (Over 40 Men)
- Liam McCafferty – McCrae (Over 40 Men & Over 50 Men)
- Peter Cracknell – Red Hill (Over 40 Men & Over 45 Men)
- Aaron Brew – Dromana (Over 40 Men)
- Tom Bellisai – Mornington (Over 40 Men & Over 50 Men)
- Chris Hanrahan – Mornington (Over 40 Men & Over 50 Men)
- Jacque Chambers – Surf Beach (Over 50 Women)
- Allie Moysey – Mornington (Over 50 Women)
- Sian Adnam – Cape Woolamai (Over 50 Women & 60 Women)
- Greg Brown – Lorne (Over 55 Men & Over 60 Men)
- Brian Kuit – Torquay (Over 55 Men & Over 65 Men)
- John Lane – Torquay (Over 60 Men & Over 65 Men)
- Rory Shannon – Mornington (Over 66 Men)
- Brian Thompson – Safety Beach (Over 65 Men)
- Graeme Burgan – Cowes (Over 70 Men)
- Bob Smith – Jan Juc (Over 70 Men)

### TIDE GUIDE

TIDAL PREDICTIONS FROM PORT PHILLIP HEADS

Approx. Tide Variations: Seal Rocks, Venus Bay, Waratah Bay and Cape Woolamai (Same), Tooradin +2hrs 45, Cowes Pier +50, Stony Point +40

| TUESDAY<br>July 22 | WEDNESDAY<br>July 23 | THURSDAY<br>July 24 | FRIDAY<br>July 25  | SATURDAY<br>July 26 | SUNDAY<br>July 27  | MONDAY<br>July 28 |
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| ▼ 1.28am<br>0.38m  | ▼ 2.30am<br>0.39m    | ▼ 3.44am<br>0.39m   | ▼ 4.58am<br>0.38m  | ▼ 6.03am<br>0.37m   | ▲ 12.51am<br>1.47m | ▲ 1.49am<br>1.50m |
| ▲ 9.01am<br>1.54m  | ▲ 10.10am<br>1.54m   | ▲ 11.18am<br>1.57m  | ▲ 12.22pm<br>1.61m | ▲ 1.19pm<br>1.65m   | ▼ 7.00am<br>0.37m  | ▼ 7.51am<br>0.40m |
| ▼ 1.50pm<br>0.98m  | ▼ 3.00pm<br>1.02m    | ▼ 4.21pm<br>1.01m   | ▼ 5.38pm<br>0.95m  | ▼ 6.45pm<br>0.85m   | ▲ 2.10pm<br>1.69m  | ▲ 2.52pm<br>1.70m |
| ▲ 8.07pm<br>1.48m  | ▲ 9.15pm<br>1.44m    | ▲ 10.32pm<br>1.42m  | ▲ 11.45pm<br>1.44m |                     | ▼ 7.43pm<br>0.75m  | ▼ 8.33pm<br>0.66m |

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Leongatha Small Bore Rifle Club

2025: 20m Prone Pennant - Section A:

Round three: Leongatha A 297.14 defeated Shepparton 295.10.

Kenneth Hart 100.07; Christopher Sargent 100.03; Daniel Croatto 97.04; Jack Sargent 97.00.

Round four: Leongatha A 293.13 defeated Sandringham 292.09.

Kenneth Hart 100.05; Christopher Sargent 99.06; Jack Sargent 94.02; Daniel Croatto 94.01.

Round five: FPTRC Team A 295.08 defeated Leongatha A 294.10.

Christopher Sargent 99.03; Daniel Croatto 98.02; Jack Sargent 97.05; Kenneth Hart 97.03.

Ladder: MCC Team A 20; FPTRC Team A 12; Kyneton A 12; Leongatha A 8; Shepparton 8; Sandringham 0.

2025: 20m Prone Pennant - Section E:

Round three: Sale B 283.04 defeated Leongatha B 262.03.

Mathew Eldridge 93.03; Bradley Hall 90.01; Kaleb Mee 87.03; Cameron Davidson 76.01.

Round four: Leongatha B 270.07 defeated Warburton 265.05.

Mathew Eldridge 94.03; Bradley Hall 88.01; Kaleb Mee 76.00; Cameron Davidson 68.00.

Round five: Kyneton C 276.03 defeated Leongatha B 258.04.

Mathew Eldridge 90.01; Kaleb Mee 88.01; Bradley Hall 84.01; Cameron Davidson 78.00.

Ladder: Kyneton C 20; Leongatha B 12; Sale B 12; Warburton 12; MCC Team C 4.

The club shoots Friday nights at 8pm at the rifle club on the Leongatha Recreation Reserve.

Any inquiries, please call R. Spratt 5664 2358.

National competition for South Gippsland Bridge Club

HEARTY congratulations to the two pairs who placed well in a recent nationwide competition. Deb Anglim and John French placed 22nd, and Bronwyn Sund and Michael Dooley came 48th out of 400 pairs.

In regular competition last Tuesday, Bronwyn Sund and Michael Dooley achieved 60.94 per cent, Matti Shub and John Quayle 59.38, Doug McIntosh and Faye Rowlands 57.81, Ruth Harvey and Su Edwards 53.65 and Neville and Philip Chapman 51.0 per cent.

Last Friday, July 18, South Gippsland Bridge ran two competitions in parallel. Four tables competed in the second week of the GNOT. Bruce Higgs and Sean Munley gained 61.31 per cent, Matti Shub and John Quayle 54.76, Philip and Nevin Chapman also 54.76 and Ken McKenzie and Marie Sands 52.38 per cent.

Four tables were in a normal weekly competition. Ruth Harvey and Su Edwards 61.90, Hannah Martin and Ruth Stevenson 55.95, Penny Lanser and Doug McIntosh 54.17 and Maureen Stiles and Penny Loughran with 52.98 per cent.

Phillip Island Bridge Club

MONDAY, July 14: Duplicate Bridge – five and a half tables.

First: Lorrie Read and Neville Chapman 57.06 per cent.

The power was off on Wednesday, so there was no bridge.



Cape Woolamai local and Softball Victoria representative, Melony Grand-Court recently competed in the National Championship in Blacktown International Sportspark in Sydney.



Melony Grand-Court, Softball Victoria representative, diving safe at Nationals.

Inspiring the next generation to play softball

DRIVE, passion and commitment got Cape Woolamai resident, Melony Grand Court, back on the softball field and from July 8 to July 13, Melony travelled to Sydney with the Victorian Over 35s division for the National Championships.

“I’ve been playing softball since I was in the Under 10s and was first selected to represent Victoria in 2000 as part of the Under 16s team. I went on to represent Victoria for five consecutive years, progressing through the U16, U19 and U23 levels. At age 18, I was fortunate to live and play in Florida on a softball scholarship – a once-in-a-lifetime experience,” said Melony.

“I stepped away from competitive softball for about 10 years (from age 24 to 34), mainly due to work and family commitments. But after having kids,

I felt the pull to return – I was constantly encouraging them to stay active and involved in sport, and I wanted to be that role model for them. Getting back into the game became not just about sport, but also about self-care – a way to stay active and connected with friends, all while doing something I love.”

Melony said in 2022, when Softball Australia introduced the Over 35s division for the National Championships, she was selected in the Victorian inaugural team.

“I’ve been lucky enough to remain part of this fantastic playing group for the past four years. It’s a big commitment timewise and financially – we train twice a week at Waverley Softball Association, which is about a three-hour round trip from my home in Cape Woolamai – but the

friendships, fun, and love for the game make it more than worth it,” she said.

“For the first two Nationals, my family travelled away with me to watch, and the feeling of playing softball at a State Level with my kids watching and cheering me on, made it all worthwhile.”

This year’s National Championships were held at Blacktown International Sportspark in Sydney from July 8–13.

“After finishing third in the round games, we had a strong run in finals, beating Tasmania and then NSW, which gave us a direct path to the Grand Final. Queensland and NSW played a nail-biting preliminary that went for 11 innings, with QLD eventually taking the win,” Melony explained.

Coming into the final with

fresh legs and high spirits, Victoria held Queensland to a one-to-one tie for most of the game, but they managed to bat in two more runs in the seventh inning to win 3–1.

“It was a heartbreaking result, but we were incredibly proud to have made it that far and grateful for an amazing week of competition.

“The true highlight for me is getting to play alongside an incredible group of women – all passionate, supportive, and committed to the game and to each other’s success.”

Over 35 National Championships Results:

- 2022 – VIC Third place
- 2023 – VIC Third place
- 2024 – VIC Runners-up (NSW Champions)
- 2025 – VIC Runners-up (QLD Champions)

Have your say on the Korumburra skate park design

KORUMBURRA’S keenly awaited skate park in the town’s railway precinct has reached the design phase, community members encouraged to have their say on what they would like to see included, with the engagement period closing on Sunday, July 27.

A mixture of those who intend to use the skate park and other locals came to the Korumburra Community Hub recently, chatting to South Gippsland Shire council representatives and experienced skate park designer Wade Trevean.

Those wanting to share their ideas are encouraged to visit council’s Your Say South Gippsland website to complete the relevant survey.

Wade will consider everyone’s views, then design the space, mindful of the need to cater to a variety of users with different abilities, whether they be skateboarders, BMX or scooter riders.

As well as being keen to include elements that suit different users, he is mindful of capturing the essence of Korumburra.

“I try to have some local connection,” Wade said of his designs, an example being an element of the Tatura skate park replicating one of the town’s award-winning vanilla slices.

As well as encouraging people to contribute their ideas on what elements they’d like to see in the Korumburra skate park, he’d love to hear suggestions on how to create a local feel.



Wade Trevean, who will design the Korumburra skate park, and South Gippsland Shire Council project delivery officer Andrew Sorensen were at Korumburra Community Hub to hear local ideas on what the skate park should include. A01\_2925

Those attending the recent feedback session included a local grandmother who wanted to know that the design will not be too elementary, enabling her scooter-riding grandkids to progress.

Wade stressed that while beginners will be catered for, the design will also provide scope for those with more experience, saying suggestions that it will be a beginner park only are incorrect, as that would eliminate many potential users.

“Basic doesn’t mean that advanced people can’t use it; some elements will cater for beginners, because they might be smaller ramps, but somebody that is more progressed can

just do a more difficult trick on that,” he said, explaining that by “basic” he means “not too intimidating”.

Council states that the skate park, to be located near Korumburra’s new barbecue shelter and toilet block, is intended to cater for beginners and intermediate users.

It is noted that the skate park site is adjacent to a heritage precinct, meaning its size can’t be expanded.

“In addition, there are restrictions on the types of structures, heights, materials and colours that can be applied, to preserve the character of the surrounding area,” council says.

Running his own business

designing skate parks around Australia and also doing overseas skate park design on a voluntary basis, Wade’s vast experience stands him in good stead when determining how to create a facility suited to users while meeting budget, heritage and space requirements.

He stressed that the more ideas people provide, the easier it makes his job as a designer, ensuring he creates something that suits local users.

As well as those skating or riding, passive users will also be factored in through ideas such as incorporating nearby seating.

“Due to the fact it’s in the centre of town, it’ll be a spectacle,” Wade said, saying people can enjoy seeing the facility being used.

The skate park will act as a social hub, Wade fondly recalling the joy of “talking rubbish” at such facilities in his youth.

“While every effort will be made to accommodate as many user preferences as possible, the final design will need to balance functionality with heritage requirements and budget constraints,” council explains.

Funding for the project has been approved, with Drover Projects contracted for the construction of the skate park, the contract being for the lump sum of \$298,880 excluding GST, with that figure including design development by Wade’s company EastbyWest.

Visit [yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au](https://yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au) to contribute your ideas on the skate park design.



BREAKAWAY BOWLS

MONDAY comes around so quickly when you're looking forward to seeing your friends at bowling.

Another great day was had on Monday.

The winners were Jan Murphy, Elle Carter and John Stewart.

They had a score of +4 – well done to you guys.

Another day of enjoying the company of the members with a game of indoor bowls.

The winners with +7 were Peter Grenville, Linda Newman, Gordon Peters and Marj Ford.

Breakaway Bowls takes place on Mondays and Fridays at 1pm at the Cape Paterson Community Centre.

All welcome.

INVERLOCH

TWENTY-EIGHT brave souls turned out to play social bowls on a typical Bass Coast winter's day with rain, sunshine and strong winds to help hone their respective skills.

It was a strange outcome as the eight teams – four fours and four triples – played two 10 end games with only one two game winner, five others with a win and a loss plus two with a draw and a loss.

The runners-up, with a win and a loss on 21 points were the team of Malcolm Marshall (skip), Brian Humphris (third), Peter Gentsch (second), and Ted Lee (lead).

The winners on the day, with two wins and 33 points, were the team of Bruce Corrigan (skip), Di Selby (third), and Jenny Slater (lead).

Once again, Jim Haydon put on a magnificent pumpkin and cauliflower soup that went down a treat.

Reminder: Next social bowls is July 24, starting at 11am.

Names are to be in by 9.30am.

MIDWEEK BOWLS

QUITE a few of the family of bowlers turned up at Lang Lang to, once again, fight it out for players of the day.

John and Bev and Vern signed everyone in while Marianne ensured all the visitors were looked after with hot drinks and biscuits.

Once they were all assigned teams, they went out to the green and were welcomed with rain.

Luckily this didn't last too long, so it was a great morning of bowls.

After lunch, the game was still great fun but with the increase of the wind on the greens seemed to fight against the bowls and the temperature seemed to drop to pretty much freezing conditions.

There was lots of fun, though, across all the rinks.

Not a lot of wrong bias bowls, but a few of the "off target" bowls looked somewhat suspect, but on examination were just off target.

The winners on 37 points were Shirley Corcoran (L), Michael Dady (S) and Robyn Dahl (3).

This week's runners-up winners on 34 points were Ron Hughes (2), Raff Merante (3), Chris Sharpe (L) and Phil Nielson (S).

Best one game winners on 19 points were Luke Monckton (3), John Williams (S) and Bob

Arnold (L).

A big thank you to Marianne for all her hard work in the bar as well as the kitchen.

Also, thank you to John and Laurie for clearing up outside, as well as Marianne and Colin for all their work in the kitchen and clubroom.

Next week, the bowlers will be meeting up at Loch and District Bowls Club to once again fight it out for players of the week.

Please, be on site by 10am as the numbers are getting quite high and if you are in after the books are full then you may have to miss out.

Meanwhile till then, have fun and stay safe.

WONTHAGGI

ANOTHER week has come and gone.

Wednesday started off wet and cold during the morning.

Even with an improvement after lunch, bowls were called off.

Saturday was a day with a gale blowing across the green.

With the sun shining, the conditions were not too bad.

The day could be best described as a fun event, with the wind making the game very different.

The club had 20 bowlers play two games of three bowl pairs over 10 ends.

There were two teams that were two-game winners, with the unlucky team being Rod Vawdon and Frank Cimino, who finished with two wins and 33 points.

The winners, also with two wins but a total of 34 points, were Geoff Tinkler and Alan Bolding.

Friday night was another good night with 36 people there to catch up with friends and enjoy the evening.

The members' draw was won by Paul Hill, who collected \$60. Stan won the meat tray, while John and Stan each collected a brekky pack.

Bowls this week:

Wednesday: Social bowls at 12.30pm.

Saturday: Social bowls at 12.30pm.

Friday night members draw stands at \$50 with meat trays plus other prizes to be won.

Doors open at 4pm.

Members draw and raffles at 6pm.

Good to see Mike Raman and Veronica are back home.

Have a good week and good bowling.

WONTHAGGI INDOOR

THIS week, Tuesday saw an amazing win of plus 24 by the team of Allan Ireland, Maggie Scapin, Thelma Kavanagh and Sean Magnussen.

Two teams were equal second with a win and a draw.

They were Pam Russell, Carol Thorp, Robert McLaren and John Ferguson, and Judy Sweetnam, Jenny Bakker, Raye Bolam and Fred Demenech.

Friday's winners saw the ladies come out on top with plus 10.

They were Jeannie Slocombe, Helen Rook and Teresa Ireland.

Coming second on plus four were Gwen Clancy, Theo Sholley and Allan Ireland.

If you would like to know more about the club, please check out the Facebook page at Wonthaggi Seniors Indoor Bowls Club.



Jan Murphy, John Stewart and Elle Carter were Monday's Breakaway Bowls winners.



South West Gippsland Midweek Bowls Group's winners on Thursday were Shirley Corcoran (L), Michael Dady (S) and Robyn Dahl (3).



Luke Monckton (3), John Williams (S) and Bob Arnold (L) were the best one game winners for the South West Gippsland Midweek Bowls Group on Thursday.



Wonthaggi Bowls Club's Saturday winners were Geoff Tinkler and Alan Bolding.



Allan Ireland, Maggie Scapin, Thelma Kavanagh and Sean Magnussen shared a great win together at Wonthaggi Senior Indoor Bowls on Tuesday.



Peter Grenville, Linda Newman, Gordon Peters and Marj Ford won Breakaway Bowls on Friday.



Runners up for the South West Gippsland Midweek Bowls Group were Ron Hughes (2), Raff Merante (3), Chris Sharpe (L) and Phil Nielson (S).



Inverloch Bowling Club's Thursday social bowls winners were Di Selby, Bruce Corrigan and Jenny Slater.



Jeannie Slocombe, Helen Rook and Teresa Ireland were the Friday winners at Wonthaggi Senior Indoor Bowls.





Winners of the Mudrunners Plate, Lianne Adamson and Jenny Teasdale with sponsor Pat Pease at the Leongatha Golf Club. Absent: Delia Perry.



Wonthaggi Golf Club's A Grade winner on Wednesday was Marg Johnson. Absent: B Grade winner Jenny McRae.



Woorayl Golf Club's July Monthly Medal winner Kath Davis with runner-up Jo Fennell.



Mat and Billy Wrigley were the two-man Ambrose Champions Gross and Sunday's net winners at the Korumburra Golf Club.



The Thursday Stableford winner was Iain Riddell at the Korumburra Golf Club.



Korumburra's Wednesday Stableford winner was Lyn McIvor.



Jason King and Roy Fleming were Korumburra Golf Club's Saturday daily first round net winners in the two-man Ambrose.

KORUMBURRA

RESULTS: Tuesday, July 15. Stableford: 13 players. Winner: Ray Ludenia (15) 33 C/B.

NTPs: first John Kerr, 10th Wayne Knights and 13th Steve Duffield.

Wednesday, July 16: Winner: Lyn McIvor (21) 35.

NTPs: first Merrissa Cosson and 10th Lyn McIvor.

Thursday, July 17: Winner: Iain Riddell (15) 38.

NTPs: first Iain Riddell.

Saturday, July 19: Sponsor: Greg Wilson and Mick Bull.

First round men's two-man Ambrose Championships: 30 players.

Winners: Jason King and Roy Fleming 60.5 net.

NTPs: first Steve Duffield, seventh Roy Fleming, 10th Brian Clasby and 13th Paul Hopkins.

Sunday, July 20: Second round men's two-man Ambrose Championships: eight players.

Winners: Mat and Billy Wrigley 60.5 net.

NTPs: seventh Billy Wrigley and 13th Terry Maskell.

Winners men's two-man Ambrose Championships gross: Mat and Billy Wrigley 65 and 62 – 127.

Ladies

SIX women played a Stableford game on Wednesday.

Thankfully, the weather was fine, but very chilly.

The course is holding up well, thanks to the greens staff and volunteers.

Congratulations to Lyn McIvor (21), winning with 35 points.

Runner-up was Jenny Blackmore (23) with 34 points on a c/b from Merrissa Cosson (8).

NTPs went to Merrissa (Kelly's Bakery) on the first and on the 10th green Lyn McIvor.

Saturday saw 12 women brave the weather with a challenging wind, which picked up as the day progressed.

Winning with 31 points was Gail Beer (27) on a c/b from Shelley Snooks (15).

BDTL went to Lyn McIvor with 28 points on a c/b.

There were NTPs on all four par threes, which is unusual for this time of year.

On the first was Trudi Mantell (Kelly's Bakery), seventh went to Merrissa Cosson, 10th was Diarne Maskell and closest on the 13th was Kerri Besley.

LEONGATHA

TUESDAY, July 15: Stableford.

Tuesday's event was a Stableford Round from the yellow tees with only 36 members/guests taking to the course on a wet and cold day.

Overall winner: Callum Smith (26) with the high score of the day of 41 points.

A Grade winner: Peter Hart (9) with 36 points.

A Grade runner-up: Jeremy de Silva (4) with 35 points on a countback.

B Grade winner: Callum Smith (26) with 41 points.

B Grade runner-up: Andrew Seccull (15) with 36 points.

NTP fifth second shot: Malcolm Legge at .79m, 14th: Ian Blencowe at 3.10m, 16th: Ethan Smith at 2.00m.

Thursday, July 17: Invy Espy Stableford.

Thursday's event was a Stableford round with great

sponsorship by The Invy Espy Hotel.

A field of 60 members/guests took to the course.

A Grade winner: Paul Deery with 34 points.

A Grade runner-up: Stuart Harry with 33 points on a countback.

B Grade winner: Colin Bear with 36 points.

B Grade runner-up: Malcolm Legge with 34 points on a countback.

C Grade winner: Michael Street with 34 points.

C Grade runner-up: David Vorweg with 33 points on a countback.

NTP fifth second shot: Malcolm Gin at 1.55m, 14th: Donald Smith at 2.27m, 16th: David Richards at 3.00m.

Saturday, July 19: Par.

Saturday was a Par event with a field of 84 members/guests struggling with the windy conditions.

Overall winner: Cathy Gifford (46) with the high score of the day of +1.

A Grade winner: Glenn Marsham (12) with 0 on a countback.

A Grade runner-up: Ray Matthews (12) with 0.

B Grade winner: Jason Dennerley (13) with -1 on a countback.

B Grade runner-up: Doug Clemann (15) with -1 on a countback.

C Grade winner: Bryan Roylance (19) with 0.

C Grade runner-up: Susan Bowler (23) with -1.

D Grade winner: Cathy Gifford (46) with +1.

D Grade runner-up: Neryl Hopcraft (29) with -1.

NTP 5th 2nd shot: Peter Hart at 1.00m, 14th: Mark Billows at .50m, 16th: Rod MacKenzie at 1.07m.

Ladies

MID-WINTER is the time when the annual Mudrunners Plate is scheduled.

Pat Pease introduced this event during her captaincy 18 years ago and the event has continued since.

Pat, a life member, also generously sponsors the event.

Jenny Teasdale won A Grade with 35 points.

This puts her in the lead for this event which is played over two weeks.

Lianne Adamson won B Grade with 32 points and is currently in second spot.

But it's a funny game golf.

Delia Perry, winner of the event last week is the next contender, winning C Grade with 31 Stableford points.

Down the line balls went to 29: Shirley Welsford, Neryl Hopcraft, Jenny Fraser, Cheryl Borg, Robin Smith and Anna de Bondt.

All these players have a good chance of making up the gap separating them from the lead.

Ashleigh Hutton won the nearest the pin on the 14th.

MIRBOO NORTH

TUESDAY, July 25: Stableford.

A Grade: P. Woodall (10) 35 points c/b.

B Grade: S McKenzie (22) 35 points.

DTL: T. Whitelaw 35 and T. Bradshaw 34.

NTP: fourth G. Shandley, sixth T. Whitelaw and 13th T. Bradshaw.

Saturday 19th July, Stableford, & President trophy play off.

A Grade: G. Renwick (11) 40 points.

B Grade: G. Shandley (13) 36 points c/b.

DTL: F. Fernandez 36, and P. Draper, N. Bracecamp and N. Bickerton 35.

NTP: fourth R. Felmingham, sixth A. Liebe and 16th G. Renwick.

Birdies: fourth G. Renwick, sixth G. Shandley, J. Robbins and R. Felmingham, and 16th G. Renwick.

WONTHAGGI

RESULTS: July 17, SR. 71.

Competition: Stableford 18-hole.

Winner: Gary Youtlen 34.

BDTL to 29: Ken Groves 32, Philip McCrimmon 31, Colin Banks 30 and David Wille 29.

Results: July 17, SR. 36.

Competition: Stableford nine-hole 10 to 18.

Winner: A. Hooton-Shandley 19.

BDTL to 17: Graham Ryan 17.

Results: July 19, S.R 71.

Competition type: Stableford – second round July Cup.

A Grade: John Walsh 39.

B Grade: Gary O'Connor 35.

C Grade: Ron Pennefeather 35.

Balls down the line to 31: Peter Dell 35, Doug Putt 34, Joshua Kilgour 34, Simon O'Halloran 36, Bill Howard 32, Andrew Hooton-Shandley 32, Peter Hanley 32, Paul Cornelis 32 and Frank Huber 31.

NTPs: Frank Huber second, not claimed fourth, Gary Bates propin eighth, Andrew Hooton-Shandley 13th and Peter Dell money hole 17th.

Ladies

THE conditions on Wednesday started out very unpleasant, but the day soon flipped and stayed calm and dry for the 14 players who came to play.

There were two grades made, and A Grade winner was Marg Johnson (14)32 points and B Grade winner with the round of the day Jenny McRae (28)33 points.

BDL went to Anne Tschiderer 30, Lisa Brusamarello 30, Karen Sheerin 29 and Robyn Wilkinson 28.

The only NTP claimed was on eighth by Lisa Brusamarello.

WOORAYL Ladies

EIGHT ladies arrived in the hope of decent weather to play the delayed July Monthly Medal.

They were lucky – apart from a bit of mist at the beginning, the day was good.

Walkers were even peeling off layers.

The results were pretty tight with three coming in on 76 net.

On a countback, Kath Davis was the winner followed by Jo Fennell and Elly Berryman.

Elly also won the putting.

NTP went to Jenny Riseley on the eighth, Linda Forrester 11th and Jo Fennell 17th.

Joan Smith had a gobbler on the fourth and Kath, a gobbler birdie on the eighth.

The ladies would like to thank their sponsor, Char and Co, and Gavin Price for providing all the ladies with a ball (new), winner or not.



# Knights set to host pride round this Sunday

THIS Sunday, July 27, Leongatha Knights FC will host the Gippsland Soccer League Pride Round as they welcome Inverloch Stars SC to their home ground. This is the first time that the Knights have hosted Pride Round, their neighbours Inverloch Stars SC hosted the inaugural round last season. The event is an opportunity to celebrate inclusivity and diversity in sport and the Knights would like to invite the wider community to come along and join in the fun.

Gameday will include face painting, competitions, soccer games and a lot of colour! Headspace and the Live4Life program will be in attendance on the day to help provide resources and run activities. All players and supporters are encouraged to wear their brightest, rainbow inspired game day outfits!

In addition to the game day celebrations, there will be a special rainbow themed training event on the proceeding Thursday where Knights players will enjoy a fun training session followed by dinner and an education session run by the wonderful Pride Cup team.

Leongatha Knights FC look forward to hosting the event and welcoming supporters and visitors alike to join in the celebrations.



Leongatha Knights FC Pride Round subcommittee have been hard at work ahead of this weekends matchup.

## Two drawn games the highlight for Korumburra City Soccer Club

**Under 12 girls :** The Under 12 girls played well against a tough opponent, not giving up all day.

Despite the score line, everyone played in good spirits and showed glimpses of good team play, special mention to Harriet, the goalkeeper, who kept the score to a much more respectable margin.

**Under U14s (mixed):** Played really well against a hard team. From the first whistle to the last, we ran and fought hard. Although we were beaten, Liam scored three beautiful goals. Chelsie stopped many, and all players held their own. Special mention to Kaiden for running with a sore ankle.

**Under 15 girls:** The Under 15 girls put on a brilliant display of grit and teamwork in their two-two draw against Phillip Island. After trailing

2-0 at halftime, it looked like the game might slip away, but the girls came out fighting in the second half, working hard to get on the scoreboard and level the match. It was a fantastic comeback that showed their determination and spirit. Even better was the camaraderie on display, with many of the players having teamed up recently for Country Champs, making for a great contest played in terrific spirit.

**Under 12 mixed:** Played very well against a top side, kept with them until half time. It was a great team effort.

**Under 17s:** What a fantastic match to watch! Burra faced off against second-place Phillip Island in a thrilling Under 17s clash that ended in a nail-biting one-all draw. Hamish

scored for the island with Jhai equalising in the first half. Both teams brought intensity and skill, making for an exciting contest from start to finish. Great team effort.

**Mens Reserves:** A valiant effort from undermanned Korumburra sees a heavy defeat to a strong Phillip Island outfit. Final score 14-0

**Senior men**

A tight tussle for the first 60 minutes would see plenty of shots from Phillip Island and some good defensive efforts from Korumburra. After a few injuries, the pressure from Phillip Island became too much as they scored four deserved goals. Final score 4-0.

**Senior Womens:** Korumburra Women's put in a courageous performance against

top-of-the-table Phillip Island, showing heart and determination despite being without several key players and others carrying injuries. Facing a strong and well-drilled opposition, Korumburra's defence was under constant pressure in the first half, with Phillip Island taking a 5-0 lead into the break.

However, the second half saw a renewed and spirited effort from Korumburra, who regrouped and focused on limiting Island's scoring chances. Their improved structure and tenacity saw them concede only two goals after halftime, while also creating a few exciting runs forward with well-placed through balls. Although the final score was 7-0, the team can hold their heads high after a gutsy second-half showing that highlighted their resilience and team spirit.

## Gippsland United edge out Berwick City in U13 battle

**Gippsland United FC U13s 2 – 1 Berwick City SC**

A BEAUTIFUL sunny winter's day set the scene for a thrilling and competitive encounter as Gippsland United FC U13s took on Berwick City SC at Morwell's Ronald Reserve. The match, played with intensity and plenty of spirit, saw GUFC come out on top with a hard-fought 2-1 victory.

GUFC started strong, immediately putting pressure on the Berwick defence. That intensity paid off early when Ollie connected with a through ball from Toby to find the back of the net in the

fourth minute, giving GUFC a 1-0 lead. The team kept up the momentum, showcasing solid teamwork and crisp passing through the midfield trio of Ryan, Kingston, and Toby. Bailey DV, starting in goal, was exceptional, pulling off a string of crucial saves to keep GUFC ahead.

In the 16th minute, Ollie and Toby made way for fresh legs, with Alex and Mitchell entering the pitch. Two minutes later, Berwick City were awarded a free kick in a dangerous position, but defender Bailey R came up big with a brilliant block, denying the equaliser. On the 20-minute

mark, Bailey R was subbed off after a strong shift, giving Harry the opportunity to contribute to the backline.

The second half saw a reshuffle in the lineup, with Brock taking over as goalkeeper. Defenders William, Harry, and Romeo worked hard to keep Berwick at bay, while Toby and Alex controlled the midfield. Up front, Ollie, Jett, and Mitchell kept the pressure on.

Brock made several excellent saves in a high-pressure second half, but in the 44th minute, Berwick finally broke through to level the scores at 1-1. Despite the setback,

GUFC didn't let their heads drop. Just four minutes later, in the 48th minute, Almasi's clever conversion of a free kick helped GUFC reclaim the lead once more.

The final minutes saw outstanding defending from the entire team, with GUFC digging deep to protect their lead and ensure the win.

Final Score: Gippsland United FC U13s 2 – 1 Berwick City SC

A fantastic team performance from GUFC, combining attacking flair with rock-solid defending. A well-earned win on a perfect day for football.

### GIPPSLAND SOCCER LEAGUE

#### ROUND 12 RESULTS - JULY 20

- SENIOR Mens:**
- Inverloch Stars 4 d Wonthaggi United 1  
Phillip Island Breakers 4 d Korumburra City 0  
Trafalgar Victory 6 d Lang Lang United 2
- Senior Womens:**
- Phillip Island Breakers 7 d Korumburra City 0  
Wonthaggi United 3 d Inverloch Stars 1  
Drouin Maroon 8 d Mirboo North United 0  
Trafalgar Victory 3 d Lang Lang United 0
- Mens Reserves:**
- Drouin Dragons Maroon 2 d Inverloch Stars 0  
Phillip Island Breakers 14 d Korumburra City 0
- Under 17 Mixed:**
- P-Island Breakers 1 drew Korumburra City 1  
Wonthaggi United 6 d Inverloch Stars 0  
Drouin Maroon 7 d Mirboo North United 1  
L'gatha Knights Blue 2 d Drouin Mar-Yellow 0
- Under 15 Girls:**
- P-Island Breakers 2 drew Korumburra City 2  
Drouin Dragons Yellow 6 d L'gatha Knights 0
- Under 14 Mixed:**
- P-Island Penguins 5 d Korumburra City 3  
Drouin Maroon Yellow 3 d Leongatha Knights 0  
Wonthaggi United 6 d Inverloch Stars 0  
Drouin Maroon 6 d Mirboo North United 0  
P-Island Stingrays 6 d Lang Lang United 0
- Under 12 Girls:**
- Wonthaggi United 5 d Inverloch Stars 1  
Phillip Island Breakers 7 d Korumburra City 1
- Under 12A Mixed:**
- P-Island Breakers 7 d Korumburra City 1  
Inverloch Stars 3 d Wonthaggi United 2  
Drouin Maroon 8 d Mirboo North United 2  
L'gatha Knights Blue 6 d Drouin Mar-Yellow 0

- Under 12B Mixed:**
- Wonthaggi United 5 d Inverloch Stars 1  
P-Island Stingrays 7 d L'gatha Knights White 3  
Drouin Dragons White 2 d Trafalgar Victory 1

#### ROUND 13 DRAW - SUNDAY, JULY 27

- Senior Mens:**
- Leongatha Knights v Inverloch Stars  
Korumburra City v Lang Lang United  
Trafalgar Victory v Phillip Island Breakers
- Senior Womens:**
- Leongatha Knights v Inverloch Stars  
Trafalgar Victory v Phillip Island Breakers  
Wonthaggi United v Mirboo North United,  
Korumburra City v Lang Lang United
- Mens Reserves:**
- Leongatha Knights v Inverloch Stars  
Korumburra City v Drouin Dragons Maroon  
Trafalgar Victory v Phillip Island Breakers
- Under 17 Mixed:**
- Leongatha Knights Blue v Inverloch Stars  
Drouin Maroon v Drouin Maroon Yellow  
Wonthaggi United v Mirboo North United  
Korumburra City v Leongatha Knights White
- Under 15 Girls:**
- Wonthaggi United v Leongatha Knights  
Drouin Maroon v Drouin Dragons Yellow  
Phillip Island Breakers v Korumburra City
- Under 14 Mixed:**
- Leongatha Knights v Inverloch Stars  
Drouin Maroon v Drouin Maroon Yellow  
Phillip Island Stingrays v P-Island Penguins  
Wonthaggi United v Mirboo North United  
Korumburra City v Lang Lang United
- Under 12 Girls:**
- Leongatha Knights v Inverloch Stars  
Korumburra City v Lang Lang United
- Under 12A Mixed:**
- Leongatha Knights Blue v Inverloch Stars  
Drouin Maroon v Drouin Maroon Yellow  
Wonthaggi United v Mirboo North United  
Korumburra City v Lang Lang United
- Under 12B Mixed:**
- Leongatha Knights White v Inverloch Stars  
Drouin Dragons Yellow v P-Island Stingrays  
Trafalgar Victory v Phillip Island Penguins





Boolarra goes for the pass under pressure from Stony Creek. Photo: G.S. Bruning.



Stony Creek outnumbers Boolarra in an attempt to keep it in. Photo: G.S. Bruning.



Strong fight from Boolarra with Stony Creek in front for the bounce. Photo: G.S. Bruning.



Stony Creek control the play with Boolarra applying pressure. Photo: G.S. Bruning.



Toora's Daisy Witcher attempts to put off her Tarwin shooting opponent. Photo: Bec Casey Sports Photography.



Olivia Baker takes the running catch for Tarwin in centre. Photo: Bec Casey Sports Photography.



Georgia Slidders lines up a goal for Tarwin in B grade. Photo: Bec Casey Sports Photography.



Ellie Spencer McGuire looks for an opening in defence. Photo: Bec Casey Sports Photography.



Nicola Fort lines up the perfect goal for Poowong in the 17&under match on Saturday. Photo: Jeff Tull.

MID GIPPSLAND

RESULTS

| A GRADE                      | B GRADE                      | C GRADE                      | D GRADE                     | 17 & UNDER                  | 15 & UNDER                  | 13 & UNDER                  |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| MDU 62 d N-borough 45        | Yinnar 30 lt Fish Crk 37     | Tarwin 35 lt Toora 36        | Thorpdale 9 lt Morwell-E 47 | Yinnar 38 d Fish Crk 27     | Stony Crk 20 lt Boolarra 36 | Stony Crk 13 lt Boolarra 19 |
| Stony Crk 30 d Boolarra 26   | MDU 38 lt N-borough 49       | Yinnar 33 lt Fish Crk 42     | Yinnar 27 drew Fish Crk 27  | Stony Crk 12 lt Boolarra 44 | MDU 23 lt N-borough 29      | MDU 6 lt N-borough 48       |
| Tarwin 29 lt Toora 30        | Stony Crk 49 d Boolarra 15   | MDU 30 lt N-borough 34       | MDU 24 lt N-borough 31      | MDU 66 d N-borough 5        | Tarwin 16 lt Toora 44       | Tarwin 38 d Toora 14        |
| Thorpdale 12 lt Morwell-E 70 | Thorpdale 22 lt Morwell-E 60 | Thorpdale 19 lt Morwell-E 40 | Stony Crk 33 d Boolarra 25  | Tarwin 17 lt Toora 36       | Yinnar 57 d Fish Crk 12     | Yinnar 12 lt Fish Crk 23    |
| Yinnar 29 lt Fish Crk 58     | Tarwin 14 lt Toora 46        | Stony Crk 20 lt Boolarra 22  | Tarwin 24 lt Toora 28       |                             |                             |                             |

LADDERS

| A GRADE      | %      | pts | B GRADE      | %      | pts | C GRADE      | %      | pts | D GRADE      | %      | pts | 17 & UNDER   | %      | pts | 15 & UNDER   | %      | pts | 13 & UNDER   | %      | pts |
|--------------|--------|-----|--------------|--------|-----|--------------|--------|-----|--------------|--------|-----|--------------|--------|-----|--------------|--------|-----|--------------|--------|-----|
| Foster       | 203.54 | 56  | Foster       | 176.51 | 56  | Yinnar       | 149.44 | 48  | Mirboo North | 204.80 | 56  | Boolarra     | 243.40 | 56  | Yinnar       | 240.95 | 56  | Newborough   | 289.84 | 52  |
| Fish Creek   | 159.10 | 48  | Fish Creek   | 161.48 | 48  | Foster       | 127.16 | 44  | Yinnar       | 206.74 | 50  | Yinnar       | 182.99 | 50  | Toora        | 249.74 | 52  | Yinnar       | 258.22 | 48  |
| Yinnar       | 140.90 | 48  | Yinnar       | 150.23 | 44  | Newborough   | 147.41 | 42  | Toora        | 139.02 | 44  | MDU          | 249.81 | 48  | Hill End     | 188.70 | 44  | Boolarra     | 166.49 | 48  |
| Mirboo North | 138.57 | 40  | Newborough   | 132.57 | 44  | MDU          | 130.18 | 38  | Tarwin       | 128.43 | 44  | Mirboo North | 202.33 | 46  | Boolarra     | 168.46 | 44  | Tarwin       | 182.19 | 44  |
| MDU          | 120.68 | 40  | Mirboo North | 116.70 | 40  | Fish Creek   | 114.89 | 38  | Fish Creek   | 152.19 | 38  | Toora        | 169.72 | 40  | Foster       | 108.06 | 36  | Fish Creek   | 131.17 | 40  |
| Toora        | 95.66  | 36  | Toora        | 131.41 | 36  | Boolarra     | 113.53 | 36  | Newborough   | 119.40 | 36  | Hill End     | 112.04 | 36  | Newborough   | 103.33 | 36  | Mirboo North | 144.32 | 36  |
| Stony Creek  | 113.87 | 32  | Stony Creek  | 115.19 | 32  | Tarwin       | 115.38 | 30  | Hill End     | 123.16 | 28  | Fish Creek   | 88.58  | 28  | Mirboo North | 90.91  | 36  | Foster       | 108.37 | 32  |
| Morwell East | 99.35  | 24  | MDU          | 93.11  | 24  | Mirboo North | 95.55  | 30  | Stony Creek  | 99.50  | 24  | Stony Creek  | 65.67  | 24  | MDU          | 97.78  | 28  | Stony Creek  | 115.81 | 28  |
| Newborough   | 97.36  | 24  | Morwell East | 83.65  | 24  | Hill End     | 100.00 | 26  | Morwell East | 102.66 | 20  | Newborough   | 42.36  | 20  | Tarwin       | 58.99  | 18  | Hill End     | 72.95  | 24  |
| Tarwin       | 87.15  | 20  | Hill End     | 74.95  | 24  | Toora        | 102.16 | 24  | MDU          | 78.54  | 20  | Morwell East | 40.76  | 20  | Morwell East | 38.85  | 16  | Toora        | 29.77  | 16  |
| Hill End     | 50.13  | 14  | Boolarra     | 45.08  | 12  | Stony Creek  | 98.35  | 24  | Foster       | 64.51  | 20  | Tarwin       | 38.74  | 12  | Fish Creek   | 37.82  | 14  | MDU          | 24.82  | 12  |
| Boolarra     | 64.42  | 10  | Tarwin       | 57.98  | 8   | Morwell East | 75.98  | 12  | Boolarra     | 72.25  | 12  | Foster       | 32.38  | 12  | Stony Creek  | 44.07  | 12  | Morwell East | 19.71  | 12  |
| Thorpdale    | 35.81  | 4   | Thorpdale    | 50.47  | 4   | Thorpdale    | 20.55  | 4   | Thorpdale    | 11.90  | 4   | Thorpdale    | 0.00   | 0   | Thorpdale    | 0.00   | 0   | Thorpdale    | 0.00   | 0   |



KILCUNDA BASS

A GRADE: A Grade put out a great effort against a solid Cora Lynn team. The girls had a great start and kept Cora Lynn on their toes. The girls adjusted to the conditions and played for each other. The full court defence stepped up this week, but couldn't get them over the line for the win. Award: Grace Rand.

B Grade: The wind didn't work in our favour as we faced a strong Cora Lynn side. Our defenders worked hard, our midcourt ran tirelessly and kept the ball moving. Our rotating shooters faced a tough and physical contest but held their ground. We couldn't bring home the win for Kylie's birthday, but we're looking forward to bouncing back next week! Award: Allison Carter.

C Grade: We showed strong defensive efforts in our match creating plenty of turnovers and applying consistent pressure. Windy conditions made shooting difficult, and our pass placement let us down at key moments. These errors proved costly, as we struggled to convert our defensive gains into goals. Despite the loss, the team showed great fight and will look to improve on their connections moving forward. Award: Alice Mabilia and Phoebe Steendam.

D Grade: In trying conditions, the girls got off to another slow start, a few costly mistakes saw us down by six goals. We reset and really brought the game to a strong Cora Lynn side throughout the second and third quarters. Heading into the final term, we had reduced the margin to four goals. In the fourth quarter, Cora Lynn pulled away once again to take the win. Best wishes and a speedy recovery to Jess. Award: Kim Pike.

17 & Under: Despite the score, everyone played well and the team were getting around each other. The defence end had a tough run, however, persisted and didn't give up. The mid-court and attacking end worked well together to move the ball down and help out the defenders where they could. In the second half, we mixed up positions and had some fun. Awards: Alana Dakin and Maisie Van der Walt.

15 & Under: We knew this game was going to be tough, so we went into it with a plan to make some changes and try out some different combinations. The girls gave it their best and the score did not reflect their efforts out on court. We found some good playing combos that we will take into the next few weeks to stay in finals contention. Onwards and upwards for us from here. Award: Ciara Santorini & Maya Andersen.

13 & Under: Facing the top team in the competition was always going to be a challenge, and the well-drilled, disciplined Cora Lynn side proved too strong. In the final quarter, we mixed things up with a few positional changes, the girls had fun and their smiles remained as they walked off the court at the end of the game! Awards: Summer Christian and Claire Feehan.

11 & Under: It was a really challenging game against the top team for our players who are still learning the basics. Cora Lynn are a very well drilled team with exceptional skills for their age and they were able to run away with the game. We had some great individual performances using skills we practised at training. Awards: Matilda Phillips and Molly Ritchie.



Leongatha A Grade centre Tayla Brown takes the ball on the fly through the midcourt at Moe on Saturday.



Tigers' Tiarnée Browney hands above her head waits for a down court option in Gippsland League B Grade. B35\_2925



Power's Mackenzie Oracz looks for a quick passing opportunity against the Tigers in Gippsland League A Grade. B49\_2925



Amber Walker gets the pass in quickly to Nicola Marriott as the Parrots move the ball smoothly through the middle of the court.



Nicola Marriott moved out to the wing attack position, working well with Mikaeli Hilliar in the scoring zone.



Sea Eagles' Linsey Boddy is well clear of the Seagull's attack, propelling the ball forward in the West Gippsland A Grade Competition. B56\_2925



Sea Eagles' Renee Pilkington is in a good position waiting for a passing opportunity against the Seagulls in West Gippsland A Grade. B55\_2925



Sea Eagles' Macey Newcombe breaking free of Seagulls' Keely Freestone in West Gippsland A Grade played at Inverloch. B57\_2925

WEST GIPPSLAND

| RESULTS        |                    |    |  | LADDERS        |        |    |  |
|----------------|--------------------|----|--|----------------|--------|----|--|
| A GRADE        |                    |    |  | A GRADE        |        |    |  |
| KWR 23         | It Kor-Bena 58     |    |  | Kor-Bena       | 145.74 | 56 |  |
| Garfield 42    | It Dalyston 56     |    |  | Nar Nar Goon   | 141.76 | 52 |  |
| IK 41          | d Tooradin-Dal 34  |    |  | Cora Lynn      | 126.53 | 52 |  |
| Warragul-I 23  | It NNG 49          |    |  | Inverloch-K    | 113.71 | 48 |  |
| Cora Lynn 48   | d K-Bass 34        |    |  | Dalyston       | 121.15 | 40 |  |
| B GRADE        |                    |    |  | B GRADE        |        |    |  |
| Cora Lynn 55   | d K-Bass 29        |    |  | Tooradin-Dal   | 109.15 | 34 |  |
| KWR 43         | d Kor-Bena 21      |    |  | Phillip Island | 95.04  | 26 |  |
| Garfield 24    | It Dalyston 48     |    |  | Garfield       | 74.62  | 18 |  |
| Warragul-I 13  | It NNG 68          |    |  | Kilcunda Bass  | 85.67  | 16 |  |
| IK 29          | It Tooradin-Dal 49 |    |  | Koo Wee Rup    | 72.41  | 14 |  |
| C GRADE        |                    |    |  | C GRADE        |        |    |  |
| KWR 15         | It Kor-Bena 17     |    |  | Warragul Ind   | 59.82  | 4  |  |
| Garfield 32    | d Dalyston 19      |    |  | B GRADE        |        |    |  |
| Cora Lynn 30   | d K-Bass 17        |    |  | Tooradin-Dal   | 184.67 | 58 |  |
| Warragul-I 20  | It NNG 30          |    |  | Nar Nar Goon   | 157.51 | 54 |  |
| IK 21          | d Tooradin-Dal 15  |    |  | Cora Lynn      | 132.79 | 50 |  |
| D GRADE        |                    |    |  | Dalyston       | 140.91 | 48 |  |
| KWR 25         | d Kor-Bena 21      |    |  | Inverloch-K    | 93.67  | 30 |  |
| IK 23          | It Tooradin-Dal 25 |    |  | Kilcunda Bass  | 108.97 | 28 |  |
| Garfield 35    | d Dalyston 11      |    |  | Phillip Island | 97.70  | 28 |  |
| Warragul-I 14  | It NNG 62          |    |  | Koo Wee Rup    | 96.68  | 28 |  |
| Cora Lynn 33   | d K-Bass 20        |    |  | Garfield       | 77.14  | 16 |  |
| 17 & UNDER     |                    |    |  | Kor-Bena       | 76.56  | 16 |  |
| Warragul-I 31  | It NNG 44          |    |  | Warragul Ind   | 29.70  | 4  |  |
| KWR 37         | d Kor-Bena 34      |    |  | D GRADE        |        |    |  |
| Garfield 16    | It Dalyston 29     |    |  | Nar Nar Goon   | 173.61 | 56 |  |
| Cora Lynn 61   | d K-Bass 8         |    |  | Cora Lynn      | 188.43 | 54 |  |
| IK 12          | It Tooradin-Dal 30 |    |  | Garfield       | 137.20 | 44 |  |
| 15 & UNDER     |                    |    |  | Tooradin-Dal   | 115.76 | 40 |  |
| Garfield 29    | d Dalyston 13      |    |  | Koo Wee Rup    | 126.60 | 38 |  |
| Warragul-I 5   | It NNG 63          |    |  | Phillip Island | 105.49 | 32 |  |
| IK 10          | It Tooradin-Dal 32 |    |  | Inverloch-K    | 94.78  | 32 |  |
| Cora Lynn 54   | d K-Bass 16        |    |  | Kilcunda Bass  | 90.12  | 24 |  |
| 13 & UNDER     |                    |    |  | Phillip Island | 77.36  | 24 |  |
| Garfield 31    | d Dalyston 7       |    |  | Warragul Ind   | 48.24  | 10 |  |
| Cora Lynn 42   | d K-Bass 8         |    |  | Dalyston       | 40.93  | 6  |  |
| Warragul-I 16  | It NNG 31          |    |  | 15 & UNDER     |        |    |  |
| IK 8           | It Tooradin-Dal 24 |    |  | Cora Lynn      | 289.80 | 60 |  |
| KWR 15         | d Kor-Bena 11      |    |  | Nar Nar Goon   | 312.74 | 56 |  |
| 11 & UNDER     |                    |    |  | Tooradin-Dal   | 292.19 | 52 |  |
| Garfield 29    | d Dalyston 8       |    |  | Phillip Island | 83.83  | 36 |  |
| Cora Lynn 47   | d K-Bass 2         |    |  | Koo Wee Rup    | 86.65  | 34 |  |
| IK 21          | d Tooradin-Dal 11  |    |  | Warragul Ind   | 68.59  | 28 |  |
| Warragul-I 7   | It NNG 27          |    |  | Kilcunda Bass  | 67.21  | 28 |  |
| KWR 29         | d Kor-Bena 9       |    |  | Garfield       | 59.52  | 24 |  |
| 13 & UNDER     |                    |    |  | Inverloch-K    | 59.75  | 22 |  |
| Cora Lynn      | 354.49             | 60 |  | Dalyston       | 48.26  | 16 |  |
| Nar Nar Goon   | 264.04             | 54 |  | Kor-Bena       | 0.00   | 0  |  |
| Tooradin-Dal   | 250.50             | 54 |  | 11 & UNDER     |        |    |  |
| Koo Wee Rup    | 96.65              | 40 |  | Cora Lynn      | 275.19 | 56 |  |
| Garfield       | 126.35             | 36 |  | Garfield       | 256.12 | 52 |  |
| Phillip Island | 73.51              | 32 |  | Koo Wee Rup    | 222.67 | 48 |  |
| Kor-Bena       | 103.02             | 28 |  | Inverloch-K    | 205.84 | 48 |  |
| Kilcunda Bass  | 70.60              | 20 |  | Phillip Island | 142.94 | 42 |  |
| Inverloch-K    | 51.83              | 20 |  | Nar Nar Goon   | 107.32 | 30 |  |
| Warragul Ind   | 44.61              | 12 |  | Tooradin-Dal   | 96.23  | 28 |  |
| Dalyston       | 14.52              | 4  |  | Kor-Bena       | 90.12  | 28 |  |
|                |                    |    |  | Warragul Ind   | 22.45  | 12 |  |
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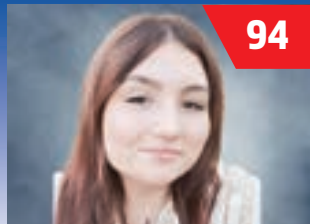
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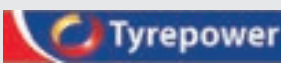
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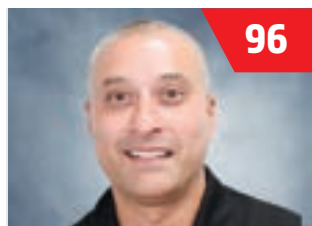
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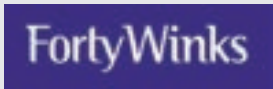
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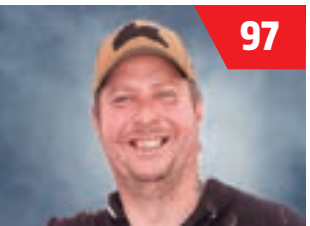
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|----------------|-------|--------------|-----------------------|-------|--------------|
| <b>A GRADE</b> |       |              | <b>17 &amp; UNDER</b> |       |              |
| Nil-Darn       | 70 d  | Poowong 54   | Trafalgar             | 34 d  | Catani 28    |
| Trafalgar      | 41 d  | Catani 37    | Bunyip                | 38 d  | Nyora 11     |
| Bunyip         | 52 d  | Nyora 27     | Neerim Sth            | 35 d  | Yarragon 25  |
| Ellinbank      | 55 d  | Lang Lang 32 | Nil-Darn              | 33 d  | Poowong 28   |
| Neerim Sth     | 42 d  | Yarragon 33  | Ellinbank             | 31 lt | Lang Lang 57 |
| Longwarry      | 51 d  | Buln Buln 27 | Longwarry             | 44 d  | Buln Buln 23 |
| <b>B GRADE</b> |       |              | <b>15 &amp; UNDER</b> |       |              |
| Trafalgar      | 34 lt | Catani 43    | Nil-Darn              | 19 lt | Poowong 28   |
| Bunyip         | 64 d  | Nyora 9      | Longwarry             | 24 d  | Buln Buln 23 |
| Nil-Darn       | 59 d  | Poowong 48   | Neerim Sth            | 35 d  | Yarragon 19  |
| Ellinbank      | 43 d  | Lang Lang 39 | Trafalgar             | 12 lt | Catani 43    |
| Neerim Sth     | 50 d  | Yarragon 25  | Ellinbank             | 23 lt | Lang Lang 34 |
| Longwarry      | 36 lt | Buln Buln 43 | Bunyip                | 36 d  | Nyora 7      |
| <b>C GRADE</b> |       |              | <b>13 &amp; UNDER</b> |       |              |
| Longwarry      | 32 d  | Buln Buln 26 | Bunyip                | 39 d  | Nyora 1      |
| Nil-Darn       | 22 lt | Poowong 24   | Nil-Darn              | 19 d  | Poowong 13   |
| Trafalgar      | 39 d  | Catani 37    | Longwarry             | 8 lt  | Buln Buln 42 |
| Ellinbank      | 60 d  | Lang Lang 22 | Trafalgar             | 29 d  | Catani 8     |
| Bunyip         | 32 d  | Nyora 4      | Ellinbank             | 3 lt  | Lang Lang 56 |
| Neerim Sth     | 26 d  | Yarragon 14  | Neerim Sth            | 18 lt | Yarragon 20  |

LADDERS

|                |        |    |                       |        |                       |                       |        |    |     |
|----------------|--------|----|-----------------------|--------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------|----|-----|
| <b>A GRADE</b> |        |    | %                     | pts    | <b>17 &amp; UNDER</b> |                       |        | %  | pts |
| Neerim South   | 203.27 | 56 | Longwarry             | 167.71 | 56                    | Longwarry             | 167.71 | 56 |     |
| Nilma Darnum   | 153.85 | 52 | Nilma Darnum          | 155.59 | 48                    | Nilma Darnum          | 155.59 | 48 |     |
| Longwarry      | 128.21 | 40 | Lang Lang             | 146.06 | 38                    | Lang Lang             | 146.06 | 38 |     |
| Trafalgar      | 122.24 | 40 | Trafalgar             | 122.95 | 36                    | Trafalgar             | 122.95 | 36 |     |
| Ellinbank      | 139.02 | 36 | Poowong               | 118.87 | 36                    | Poowong               | 118.87 | 36 |     |
| Lang Lang      | 86.48  | 32 | Catani                | 110.78 | 32                    | Catani                | 110.78 | 32 |     |
| Poowong        | 87.14  | 20 | Yarragon              | 120.23 | 30                    | Yarragon              | 120.23 | 30 |     |
| Bunyip         | 82.65  | 20 | Neerim South          | 92.11  | 20                    | Neerim South          | 92.11  | 20 |     |
| Yarragon       | 81.92  | 16 | Bunyip                | 77.07  | 18                    | Bunyip                | 77.07  | 18 |     |
| Catani         | 80.00  | 16 | Buln Buln             | 77.84  | 12                    | Buln Buln             | 77.84  | 12 |     |
| Buln Buln      | 62.17  | 8  | Ellinbank             | 60.43  | 10                    | Ellinbank             | 60.43  | 10 |     |
| Nyora          | 52.72  | 0  | Nyora                 | 24.64  | 0                     | Nyora                 | 24.64  | 0  |     |
| <b>B GRADE</b> |        |    | <b>15 &amp; UNDER</b> |        |                       | <b>13 &amp; UNDER</b> |        |    |     |
| Ellinbank      | 178.00 | 52 | Catani                | 242.40 | 56                    | Lang Lang             | 732.93 | 56 |     |
| Bunyip         | 151.24 | 48 | Poowong               | 208.41 | 52                    | Trafalgar             | 319.86 | 56 |     |
| Neerim South   | 150.47 | 44 | Neerim South          | 168.88 | 44                    | Bunyip                | 233.14 | 40 |     |
| Lang Lang      | 108.21 | 40 | Lang Lang             | 158.37 | 40                    | Buln Buln             | 232.74 | 40 |     |
| Nilma Darnum   | 120.79 | 36 | Bunyip                | 109.88 | 34                    | Nilma Darnum          | 106.50 | 32 |     |
| Catani         | 120.34 | 32 | Buln Buln             | 111.96 | 26                    | Longwarry             | 78.83  | 26 |     |
| Buln Buln      | 93.63  | 24 | Longwarry             | 93.47  | 24                    | Yarragon              | 81.85  | 20 |     |
| Poowong        | 88.72  | 20 | Nilma Darnum          | 97.72  | 20                    | Poowong               | 71.77  | 20 |     |
| Yarragon       | 80.92  | 16 | Yarragon              | 79.44  | 20                    | Neerim South          | 62.13  | 16 |     |
| Longwarry      | 86.65  | 12 | Ellinbank             | 72.30  | 16                    | Ellinbank             | 50.12  | 16 |     |
| Trafalgar      | 78.67  | 8  | Trafalgar             | 48.82  | 4                     | Catani                | 49.27  | 14 |     |
| Nyora          | 31.91  | 0  | Nyora                 | 14.78  | 0                     | Nyora                 | 5.92   | 0  |     |

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RESULTS

|                |       |              |                       |       |              |
|----------------|-------|--------------|-----------------------|-------|--------------|
| <b>A GRADE</b> |       |              | <b>17 &amp; UNDER</b> |       |              |
| Bairnsdale     | 36 lt | Warragul 71  | Bairnsdale            | 58 d  | Warragul 21  |
| Sale           | 24 lt | Drouin 66    | Sale                  | 55 d  | Drouin 39    |
| Moe            | 79 d  | Leongatha 35 | Moe                   | 37 d  | Leongatha 34 |
| Wonthaggi      | 32 lt | Morwell 59   | Wonthaggi             | 23 lt | Morwell 24   |
| Traralgon      | 76 d  | Maffra 23    | Traralgon             | 64 d  | Maffra 28    |
| <b>B GRADE</b> |       |              | <b>15 &amp; UNDER</b> |       |              |
| Bairnsdale     | 35 lt | Warragul 59  | Bairnsdale            | 21 lt | Warragul 41  |
| Sale           | 34 lt | Drouin 55    | Sale                  | 57 d  | Drouin 37    |
| Moe            | 45 d  | Leongatha 39 | Moe                   | 40 d  | Leongatha 37 |
| Wonthaggi      | 54 d  | Morwell 26   | Wonthaggi             | 4 lt  | Morwell 22   |
| Traralgon      | 63 d  | Maffra 39    | Traralgon             | 71 d  | Maffra 18    |
| <b>C GRADE</b> |       |              | <b>13 &amp; UNDER</b> |       |              |
| Bairnsdale     | 34 lt | Warragul 35  | Bairnsdale            | 52 d  | Warragul 2   |
| Sale           | 25 lt | Drouin 41    | Sale                  | 37 d  | Drouin 16    |
| Moe            | 38 d  | Leongatha 27 | Moe                   | 9 lt  | Leongatha 28 |
| Wonthaggi      | 23 d  | Morwell 22   | Wonthaggi             | 21 lt | Morwell 32   |
| Traralgon      | 42 d  | Maffra 17    | Traralgon             | 27 lt | Maffra 37    |

LADDERS

|                |        |    |                       |        |                       |                       |        |    |     |
|----------------|--------|----|-----------------------|--------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------|----|-----|
| <b>A GRADE</b> |        |    | %                     | pts    | <b>17 &amp; UNDER</b> |                       |        | %  | pts |
| Moe            | 193.36 | 52 | Bairnsdale            | 199.46 | 52                    | Bairnsdale            | 199.46 | 52 |     |
| Warragul       | 179.89 | 48 | Traralgon             | 239.06 | 48                    | Traralgon             | 239.06 | 48 |     |
| Morwell        | 118.61 | 40 | Sale                  | 123.99 | 44                    | Sale                  | 123.99 | 44 |     |
| Drouin         | 125.31 | 32 | Drouin                | 91.99  | 24                    | Drouin                | 91.99  | 24 |     |
| Leongatha      | 100.90 | 24 | Maffra                | 88.95  | 24                    | Maffra                | 88.95  | 24 |     |
| Bairnsdale     | 83.60  | 24 | Leongatha             | 80.75  | 20                    | Leongatha             | 80.75  | 20 |     |
| Traralgon      | 89.18  | 20 | Moe                   | 78.95  | 20                    | Moe                   | 78.95  | 20 |     |
| Wonthaggi      | 68.81  | 12 | Warragul              | 74.78  | 16                    | Warragul              | 74.78  | 16 |     |
| Sale           | 57.75  | 4  | Wonthaggi             | 70.04  | 8                     | Wonthaggi             | 70.04  | 8  |     |
| Maffra         | 51.87  | 4  | Morwell               | 53.45  | 4                     | Morwell               | 53.45  | 4  |     |
| <b>B GRADE</b> |        |    | <b>15 &amp; UNDER</b> |        |                       | <b>13 &amp; UNDER</b> |        |    |     |
| Leongatha      | 168.30 | 48 | Traralgon             | 260.52 | 52                    | Leongatha             | 260.32 | 52 |     |
| Wonthaggi      | 159.71 | 48 | Sale                  | 151.68 | 48                    | Sale                  | 172.40 | 38 |     |
| Moe            | 132.60 | 40 | Warragul              | 149.14 | 36                    | Moe                   | 140.85 | 38 |     |
| Traralgon      | 120.40 | 38 | Moe                   | 129.53 | 34                    | Bairnsdale            | 155.28 | 30 |     |
| Warragul       | 119.49 | 28 | Drouin                | 106.35 | 28                    | Maffra                | 123.93 | 30 |     |
| Drouin         | 91.10  | 24 | Bairnsdale            | 108.58 | 20                    | Traralgon             | 124.00 | 24 |     |
| Morwell        | 81.99  | 20 | Leongatha             | 97.95  | 20                    | Morwell               | 80.40  | 20 |     |
| Maffra         | 64.88  | 12 | Maffra                | 69.38  | 14                    | Drouin                | 75.41  | 16 |     |
| Bairnsdale     | 66.44  | 2  | Morwell               | 47.29  | 8                     | Wonthaggi             | 41.82  | 8  |     |
| Sale           | 60.83  | 2  | Wonthaggi             | 10.04  | 0                     | Warragul              | 16.60  | 4  |     |
| <b>C GRADE</b> |        |    | <b>13 &amp; UNDER</b> |        |                       | <b>13 &amp; UNDER</b> |        |    |     |
| Morwell        | 151.81 | 46 | Leongatha             | 260.32 | 52                    | Leongatha             | 260.32 | 52 |     |
| Leongatha      | 132.60 | 42 | Sale                  | 172.40 | 38                    | Sale                  | 172.40 | 38 |     |
| Wonthaggi      | 144.00 | 40 | Moe                   | 140.85 | 38                    | Moe                   | 140.85 | 38 |     |
| Drouin         | 104.03 | 32 | Bairnsdale            | 155.28 | 30                    | Bairnsdale            | 155.28 | 30 |     |
| Moe            | 100.00 | 28 | Maffra                | 123.93 | 30                    | Maffra                | 123.93 | 30 |     |
| Traralgon      | 113.58 | 24 | Traralgon             | 124.00 | 24                    | Traralgon             | 124.00 | 24 |     |
| Bairnsdale     | 103.62 | 24 | Morwell               | 80.40  | 20                    | Morwell               | 80.40  | 20 |     |
| Sale           | 85.68  | 12 | Drouin                | 75.41  | 16                    | Drouin                | 75.41  | 16 |     |
| Warragul       | 63.18  | 12 | Wonthaggi             | 41.82  | 8                     | Wonthaggi             | 41.82  | 8  |     |
| Maffra         | 49.30  | 0  | Warragul              | 16.60  | 4                     | Warragul              | 16.60  | 4  |     |

SPORTS

# Wonthaggi District Netball Association opens the court to new players

WHETHER you're a long-time player, returning to the game, or simply looking to connect with your local community through sport, the Wonthaggi District Netball Association (WDNA) is inviting new team and individual registrations for its upcoming winter season starting August 12.

Catering to players aged 14 and above, WDNA runs a high-standard competition that blends competitive netball with a strong sense of social connection. The Association is now calling on locals – whether you're new to the area or a familiar face – to get involved.

“We’re about participation, community, and our shared love for the game,” said the WDNA president.

“We welcome players of all skill levels – from those who take the game seriously to those who just want to enjoy a good run around with friends.”

The Association currently hosts around 12 teams and has helped the competition grow steadily over the past few years. With teams ranging from serious contenders to social sides – including



Wonthaggi & District Netball Association (WDNA) has been running since the 80s, and the 2025 winter season starts on August 12.

family teams such as mothers and daughters playing together – there’s a place for everyone.

“You don’t need to be aligned with a football club,” the president explains. “This is open netball. Friends can form teams together, or you can register as an individual, and we’ll help you find a team.”

The competition draws players from across the Bass Coast, including

Phillip Island and surrounding towns, making it a great opportunity for newcomers to build connections.

“Some of the mums I trained 20 years ago are now coming back to play again – it’s their chance to get out of the house, be active, and have fun,” the president adds.

“Netball has a beautiful way of bringing people together.”

WDNA offers graded sections, from high-standard A-grade teams to more casual and social levels, so players can find the right fit. While a basic level of experience is encouraged, the welcoming atmosphere makes it accessible for returning or even newer players.

Entries are open until August 5. Players must have a VNA registration. Text 0419 399 415.

## Too much footy for one field, as game moved



Sections of the oval at Cowes Recreation Reserve are struggling to hold up under constant traffic.

PHILLIP Island Football Club says it’s time for a second oval, with its home ground at Cowes Recreation Reserve feeling the pressure of constant use.

The club’s president, Chris Ross, said the oval is packed with activity almost every day of the week, with training every night and games held across weekends. On Friday, July 11, around 150 Auskick kids filled the ground, and each Sunday, there is anywhere between four and six games played on the one oval.

“It’s used every night,” Mr Ross said. “It’s trained on every night, and it’s played on every second Saturday and every Sunday.”

The oval underwent a \$300,000 upgrade last year, courtesy of the Bass Coast Shire Council, with new drainage and fresh turf laid down. But the grass didn’t have long to settle before it was back in action.

“It was a bit rugged last year, simply because the grass didn’t have very long to establish,” Mr Ross said.

“It only had three months since it had been sowed, and we were on it. Suddenly, you’ve got a dozen teams training on it after three months, so it wasn’t great.”

He said this year the surface has held up better, but recent wet weather and ongoing traffic have started to take a heavy toll. “It’s still better than some other grounds in the comp, but it’s got that much more traffic on it,” he said.

The club says the Shire did a good job with the upgrade, but the real issue is the number of teams relying on a single oval.

“We do consistently raise concerns, but we’re not having a go at the Shire in regard to the oval,” Mr Ross emphasised. “We want another ground.”

The club moved last Friday night’s girls’ game to Dalyston while maintenance was carried out. Work to replace the artificial turf near the coaching boxes and players’ entrance began on Friday, July 18, with vertical draining scheduled for this week. The

club asked all teams to stay off the oval last week, with the exception of Sunday’s junior games.

“[Last] week, our team carried out overseeding, rolling, and repairs to the synthetic runoff and coaches box areas, with fresh turf also laid. Vertical draining is scheduled next to improve water movement through the surface and promote healthy growth. Encouragingly, the drainage installed last year as part of the upgrade is working as intended, with the ground already drying out since the weekend,” a spokesperson for Bass Coast Shire Council stated. “At this stage, the decision to relocate the Under 14 girls’ game is limited to [last] weekend only, however we’ll continue to monitor the weather and ground conditions closely and work with the club if further relocations become necessary. The difficult decision was made to keep the junior games as scheduled, given the logistical challenges...”

See council’s full response at sgst.com.au.

## Breakers push Tyabb to the limit in high-pressure match

IT IS always a tough contest between Tyabb and Breakers, and this match certainly didn’t disappoint. The first quarter was a tight contest with neither team able to find any space. Tyabb were first to break through with a goal midway through the quarter.

The second quarter started much the same, with Molly Conway and Tess Wingfield having an impact around the stoppages. Immy Bradford and Tayla Stahl pushed up the ground to create

opportunities with the Breakers starting to look more dangerous in front of the goal.

Stahl snapped the Breakers’ first midway through the quarter while the backline, steadied by Shelly Goodwin at full-back, did well to limit the damage of Tyabb’s forward entries to keep the score fairly even at half time.

The Breakers worked hard with Cayli Lane able to get quick hands off under pressure, and Katie Cornish repelling the opposition at half

back. Nearing the end of the quarter, Stahl scored her second, giving the Breakers the lead for the first time in the match.

The Breakers’ lead was short-lived, with Tyabb responding with a goal in the first couple of minutes. With the game in the balance, both teams really raised the intensity in the last quarter.

The Breakers created some great scoring opportunities, including a long set shot from Tess Wingfield that was touched on the goal line. A

great tackle by Amilly Dale in the forward line in the dying seconds gave the Breakers one last effort; however, they were beaten by the clock.

Final score: Tyabb 3.4-22 def Breakers 2.4-16

Goals: Tayla Stahl 2

Best: Molly Conroy, Immy Bradford, Tess Angarane, Annie Dempsey, Tess Wingfield.

The Breakers face second-placed Edithvale-Aspendale for the last match of the home and away season 4.40pm Saturday at Edithvale.



# Not Poowong’s week as Brown stretchered off

By Geoff Wyatt

POOWONG travelled to Darnum on Saturday to play Nilma Darnum in all grades of football and netball in fine but blustery conditions.

After a week’s break, the club was hoping to celebrate Mitch van’t Hof’s 100th Poowong senior game with a win, though it wasn’t to be – well done Mitch.

Poowong seniors made three changes in Joel Norton, Connor Cunningham and Gav Monson, and out Tyran Lord, Anthony Orisini and Josh Hall.

In the first quarter, both sides battled hard to get an advantage. Poowong kicking to the Yarragon end opened with a point, Nilma replied with a goal, before Joseph Bisognin kicked Poowong’s first. Unfortunately, play was held up with a leg injury to Jarvis Brown; Jarvis had to be stretchered off the ground.

Play resumed with a goal to Nilma, Poowong finishing off with a goal to Alex Henshall from the pocket. At quarter time, Poowong 2.2.14 to Nilma 2.3.15, it was still anyone’s game.

The second quarter was all Nilma. They added four goals and four points to Poowong’s



Mitch van’t Hof celebrated his 100th senior game with Poowong on Saturday. Photo: Jeff Tull.

solitary point; the boys could not get into the game, with any opportunity falling short. Poowong would need a good start to get back into the game. Unfortunately, Nilma kicked two goals before Poowong’s Alex Henshall

kicked Poowong’s third, and when Zac Gray added their fourth, they had reduced the margin to 25 points. Poowong had lifted their game, and with two goals before three-quarter time to Connor Cunningham and Micah

Williames, who were right back in the game.

Poowong needed an early goal to get the momentum going. Nilma goaled early. Poowong replied with a nice goal to Alex Henshall from the boundary, unfortunately, Nilma added three more goals. Poowong had a couple of chances but only added three points, Poowong 7.11.53 to Nilma 13.11.89.

Not the result we were looking for, maybe the break slowed the momentum, tough games the next two weeks, both at home – Neerim South Saturday, followed by Buln Buln.

Best players Joseph Bisognin battled hard all game, as did Jett Blackwood and Thomas Burgess, both young players. Thomas Sherar played well, and the ever-reliables Zac Gray and Alex Henshall.

The Reserves battled hard, going down 12.5.77 to Poowong 4.3.27, the thirds worked hard, going down 9.9.63 to 6.4.40. The fourths had a victory 4.13.37 to Nilma 4.5.29 and remain in the top four in the Under 16s.

Four rounds to go, so let’s finish the season off well. Remember Cozzies Lotto Thursday night.

## Nyora dominates as it leaves Bulldogs in a muddy pit

NYORA Saints held off a late charge from Bunyip to record a hard-fought 17-point victory at Bunyip Recreation Reserve on Saturday afternoon, in round 13 of the Ellinbank & District Football League.

The Saints stormed out of the gates, dominating possession and territory to pile on 4.5 (29) in a blistering first quarter, while holding the Bulldogs scoreless. Lucas Lee and Will McGindle were instrumental in the early surge, with slick ball use and relentless forward pressure.

By half-time, Nyora had opened up a 36–18 lead, although Bunyip started to claw their way back through goals to Jeb McLeod and improved midfield intensity. The Saints’ back six held strong, with Dylan Heylan and Lachie Fievez marshalling the defence and repelling repeated entries.

The third quarter proved decisive. Nyora piled on four



Dante Di Pietro wraps up his Bunyip opponent in Nyora’s win in round 14.

majors, including back-to-back goals from McNiff, and Caleb Kristani on the boundary line, extending the lead to 38 points at the final change. Despite inaccuracy in front

of the goal (9.8), the Saints’ superior ball movement and defensive setup put the game seemingly beyond doubt.

But Bunyip wasn’t done yet. Led by Jason Williams (three

goals) the Bulldogs launched a gutsy final-term comeback. They peppered the goals, adding 3.5 in the final quarter while Nyora managed just two behinds. However, the deficit proved too much to overcome for Bunyip and with a spirited midfield performance from Lee and Jordan Anderson, and Dante Di Pietro holding up the ruck, it was Nyora’s day.

Nyora’s Tyler Kirkbride was influential throughout the match, while captain Dylan Heylen provided consistent leadership through the middle. Callum McNiff finished with four goals in a standout performance up front.

“It was nice to get a few players back from injuries and holidays,” Sam Dixon noted after the match.

The win keeps Nyora firmly off the bottom of the ladder this season, while Bunyip will rue a slow start and missed chances late in the game.

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| NILMA DARNUM |                        | POOWONG |                      |
|--------------|------------------------|---------|----------------------|
| Nilma Darnum | 2.3 6.7 9.9 13.11 (89) | Poowong | 2.2 2.5 6.7 7.9 (51) |

**GOALS Nilma-Dar:** S Tapner 5, N Dungey 3, B Campbell, J Cook, P Oyee, T Clarke, T Adam 1 each  
**BEST:** S Tapner, S Crowle, N Campbell, T Young, N Dungey, B Campbell  
**GOALS Poowong:** A Henshall, C Cunningham 2, J Bisognin, Z Gray, M Williames 1 each  
**BEST:** J Bisognin, J Blackwood, T Burgess, T Sherar, Z Gray, A Henshall

| RESERVES     |                        |         |                      |
|--------------|------------------------|---------|----------------------|
| Nilma Darnum | 2.3 6.4 10.5 12.5 (77) | Poowong | 0.1 1.1 3.1 4.3 (27) |

**GOALS Nilma-Dar:** J Jarred 7, R Campbell 2, N Gorman, N Mackey, B Jones 1 each  
**BEST:** R Perry, J Jarred, B Mooney, L Mckenzie, M Cheyne, N Mackey  
**GOALS Poowong:** J Lewis 2, B Butler, T Lord 1 each  
**BEST:** A Orsini, T Lord, B Schulz, R Verma, M Gowland, J Lewis

| THIRDS       |                      |         |                      |
|--------------|----------------------|---------|----------------------|
| Nilma Darnum | 4.4 7.5 8.8 9.9 (63) | Poowong | 0.0 2.1 4.2 6.4 (40) |

**GOALS Nilma-Dar:** B Lyon 2, J Patterson 2, W Bremner, A McAuley, K Rossborough, B Meggetto, M Ireland 1 each  
**BEST:** K Rossborough, W Bremner, B Onslow, B Lyon, L Fisher, P Brown  
**GOALS Poowong:** G Monson 4, C Deal, Z Sherar 1 each  
**BEST:** G Monson, K Zealley, B Broadmore, T Nieuwerth, J Blackwood, C Deal

| FOURTHS      |                      |         |                       |
|--------------|----------------------|---------|-----------------------|
| Nilma Darnum | 1.1 3.2 3.3 4.5 (29) | Poowong | 2.3 2.5 3.9 4.13 (37) |

**GOALS Nilma-Dar:** B Brown 2, C Cosgriff, A Thompson 1 each  
**BEST:** C Bailey, N Twedde, A Thompson, J Marx, N Meggetto, J Midgley  
**GOALS Poowong:** L Nieuwerth 2, C Deal, L Moriarty 1 each  
**BEST:** C Dorian, T Nicholls, K Gilliatte, T Dowel, K Verma, L Hulse

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| BUNYIP |                       | NYORA |                       |
|--------|-----------------------|-------|-----------------------|
| Bunyip | 0.0 2.6 3.6 6.11 (47) | Nyora | 4.5 5.6 9.8 9.10 (64) |

**GOALS Bunyip:** J Williams 3, M Sproles, B Stewart, J McLeod 1 each  
**BEST:** J Williams, J McLeod, N Ashton, B Stewart, M Hanks, T Murphy  
**GOALS Nyora:** C McNiff 4, T White, J O'Brien, C Crestani, J Anderson, W McGindle 1 each  
**BEST:** L Lee, J Anderson, T Kirkbride, D Heylen, L Fievez, C McNiff

| RESERVES |                        |       |                      |
|----------|------------------------|-------|----------------------|
| Bunyip   | 3.1 6.7 9.7 12.12 (84) | Nyora | 1.1 1.1 2.2 2.2 (14) |

**GOALS Bunyip:** B Heus 4, R Orridge 2, D Craven, J Collins, D Wright, N Buckland, N Simons, J Hallpike 1 each  
**BEST:** J Collins, B Heus, S Dowie, M O'Halloran, L Hillman, D Wright  
**GOALS Nyora:** B Turner , M Hughes 1 each  
**BEST:** R Simpson, L Forscutt, L Brock, B Pugh, B Turner, A Dike

#### IN OTHER GAMES

| SENIORS    |             |           |         |
|------------|-------------|-----------|---------|
| Trafalgar  | 10.10.70 d  | Buln Buln | 6.10.46 |
| Neerim Sth | 19.12.126 d | Catani    | 2.1.13  |
| Ellinbank  | 14.11.95 d  | Yarragon  | 4.7.31  |
| Lang Lang  | 10.16.76 d  | Lang Lang | 8.6.54  |

| RESERVES   |             |           |        |
|------------|-------------|-----------|--------|
| Longwarry  | 7.9.51 d    | Buln Buln | 4.4.28 |
| Lang Lang  | 9.9.63 d    | Ellinbank | 4.3.27 |
| Neerim Sth | 17.10.112 d | Yarragon  | 2.4.16 |
| Trafalgar  | 23.11.149 d | Catani    | 2.1.13 |

| THIRDS     |            |           |         |
|------------|------------|-----------|---------|
| Neerim Sth | 7.4.46 d   | Yarragon  | 5.11.41 |
| Buln Buln  | 7.7.49 d   | Longwarry | 5.5.35  |
| Ellinbank  | 17.9.111 d | Lang Lang | 6.4.40  |

| FOURTHS    |             |           |         |
|------------|-------------|-----------|---------|
| Longwarry  | 7.6.48 drew | Buln Buln | 7.6.48  |
| Trafalgar  | 11.13.79 d  | Catani    | 5.1.31  |
| Ellinbank  | 5.5.35 d    | Lang Lang | 0.6.6   |
| Neerim Sth | 8.4.52 d    | Yarragon  | 6.10.46 |

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| SENIORS      | W  | L  | %      | pts |
|--------------|----|----|--------|-----|
| Neerim South | 14 | 0  | 339.96 | 56  |
| Longwarry    | 12 | 2  | 243.12 | 48  |
| Trafalgar    | 10 | 4  | 241.96 | 40  |
| Buln Buln    | 10 | 4  | 165.06 | 40  |
| Lang Lang    | 8  | 6  | 135.06 | 32  |
| Ellinbank    | 7  | 7  | 140.74 | 28  |
| Yarragon     | 6  | 8  | 81.13  | 24  |
| Nilma Darnum | 5  | 9  | 56.11  | 20  |
| Catani       | 4  | 10 | 70.53  | 16  |
| Nyora        | 4  | 10 | 45.50  | 16  |
| Bunyip       | 2  | 12 | 44.18  | 8   |
| Poowong      | 2  | 12 | 32.22  | 8   |

| LEADING GOAL KICKERS          |     |
|-------------------------------|-----|
| Jason Wells (Longwarry)       | 115 |
| Mason McGarrit (Neerim South) | 92  |

| RESERVES     | W  | L  | %      | pts |
|--------------|----|----|--------|-----|
| Lang Lang    | 13 | 1  | 762.72 | 52  |
| Longwarry    | 13 | 1  | 581.71 | 52  |
| Trafalgar    | 12 | 2  | 313.78 | 48  |
| Ellinbank    | 10 | 4  | 252.15 | 40  |
| Neerim South | 9  | 5  | 298.09 | 36  |
| Buln Buln    | 6  | 7  | 73.88  | 26  |
| Bunyip       | 5  | 8  | 81.98  | 22  |
| Yarragon     | 5  | 9  | 64.04  | 20  |
| Catani       | 5  | 9  | 62.51  | 20  |
| Nyora        | 2  | 12 | 26.28  | 8   |
| Poowong      | 2  | 12 | 9.57   | 8   |
| Nilma Darnum | 1  | 13 | 21.25  | 4   |

| LEADING GOAL KICKERS          |    |
|-------------------------------|----|
| Kurt Batt (Lang Lang)         | 48 |
| Hayden Brock (Trafalgar)      | 42 |
| Bradley Blazeovic (Longwarry) | 42 |

| THIRDS       | W  | L  | %      | MR    |
|--------------|----|----|--------|-------|
| Ellinbank    | 13 | 0  | 473.58 | 100.0 |
| Buln Buln    | 10 | 3  | 256.82 | 76.92 |
| Longwarry    | 9  | 3  | 191.45 | 75.00 |
| Nilma Darnum | 8  | 5  | 140.90 | 61.54 |
| Neerim South | 8  | 5  | 125.98 | 61.54 |
| Poowong      | 6  | 6  | 103.33 | 50.00 |
| Lang Lang    | 5  | 7  | 131.07 | 41.67 |
| Trafalgar    | 2  | 10 | 43.51  | 16.67 |
| Yarragon     | 1  | 11 | 30.75  | 8.33  |
| Bunyip       | 0  | 12 | 9.31   | 0.00  |
| Catani       | 0  | 0  | 0.00   | 0.00  |
| Nyora        | 0  | 0  | 0.00   | 0.00  |

| LEADING GOAL KICKERS           |    |
|--------------------------------|----|
| Charlie Armour (Ellinbank)     | 36 |
| James Patterson (Nilma Darnum) | 34 |
| Hugh Cunningham (Ellinbank)    | 31 |

| FOURTHS      | W  | L  | %      | MR    |
|--------------|----|----|--------|-------|
| Bunyip       | 11 | 0  | 358.69 | 95.83 |
| Trafalgar    | 11 | 2  | 281.84 | 84.62 |
| Poowong      | 9  | 3  | 182.56 | 75.00 |
| Ellinbank    | 9  | 4  | 133.56 | 69.23 |
| Yarragon     | 7  | 5  | 139.03 | 58.33 |
| Catani       | 7  | 6  | 94.71  | 53.85 |
| Lang Lang    | 4  | 8  | 55.85  | 33.33 |
| Buln Buln    | 3  | 9  | 66.77  | 26.92 |
| Neerim South | 3  | 11 | 52.18  | 21.43 |
| Longwarry    | 2  | 10 | 57.60  | 19.23 |
| Nilma Darnum | 2  | 10 | 35.49  | 19.23 |
| Nyora        | 0  | 0  | 0.00   | 0.00  |

| LEADING GOAL KICKERS          |    |
|-------------------------------|----|
| Hudson Grujic (Trafalgar)     | 39 |
| Cruze Deal (Poowong)          | 32 |
| Dylan Strating (Neerim South) | 28 |





Ben Chalmers boots it down the line for the Sharks.

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|                  | TARWIN                                                                               |     | TOORA |            |
|------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-------|------------|
| Tarwin           | 2.3                                                                                  | 3.4 | 7.5   | 9.9 (63)   |
| Toora            | 3.4                                                                                  | 4.6 | 6.8   | 10.10 (70) |
| GOALS, Tarwin:   | D Brosnan, B Chalmers 2, C McLeod, F Brosnan, L Jones, T Harley, T Vanderkolk 1 each |     |       |            |
| BEST:            | H Cumming, B Chalmers, J Proctor, T Vanderkolk, M McCall, N McRae                    |     |       |            |
| GOALS, Toora:    | L Craig 3, J Halsall, J Smart 2, M Bezzene, A Peile, C Walker 1 each                 |     |       |            |
| BEST:            | L Marr, J Smart, L Smart, J Halsall, Z Clavarino, L Craig                            |     |       |            |
| RESERVES         |                                                                                      |     |       |            |
| Tarwin           | 0.2                                                                                  | 2.4 | 3.5   | 3.7 (25)   |
| Toora            | 0.5                                                                                  | 2.5 | 4.5   | 7.8 (50)   |
| GOALS, Tarwin:   | B Senior-Gibson 3                                                                    |     |       |            |
| BEST:            | Z Bright, T Cameron, T Gedye, B Cowell, D Cardy, B Abernethy                         |     |       |            |
| GOALS, Toora:    | J Maurilli-Pullin 2, J Mcdonald, J Griffin, A Vening, L de Boer, J Gukanovic 1 each  |     |       |            |
| BEST:            | J Griffin, L Anedda, S Vening, J Maurilli-Pullin, P Grant, J Cripps                  |     |       |            |
| THIRDS           |                                                                                      |     |       |            |
| Tarwin           | 0.2                                                                                  | 1.6 | 4.7   | 6.7 (43)   |
| Hill End         | 4.2                                                                                  | 8.5 | 10.5  | 13.11 (89) |
| GOALS, Tarwin:   | L Jones 2, E Langstaff, H Guymmer, B Trevena, J Cashin 1 each                        |     |       |            |
| BEST:            | C Gerretzen, A Francis, I Cameron, J Lowe, H Guymmer, C Mallia                       |     |       |            |
| GOALS, Hill End: | D Paul 6, H Phoenix 3, M Balfour, J Winduss 2 each                                   |     |       |            |
| BEST:            | D Paul, D van der Stoep, M Balfour, H Phoenix, S Damschke, B Stephens                |     |       |            |

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BOOLARRA FOOTBALL CLUB

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|                     | STONY CREEK                                                            |     | BOOLARRA |           |
|---------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|----------|-----------|
| Stony Creek         | 1.1                                                                    | 3.1 | 3.5      | 3.5 (23)  |
| Boolarra            | 3.1                                                                    | 4.4 | 4.5      | 5.9 (39)  |
| GOALS, Stony Creek: | T Bernaldo 2, C Loughridge 1                                           |     |          |           |
| BEST:               | C Stone, J Loughridge, C Loughridge, T Stone, C Carter, E Busse        |     |          |           |
| GOALS, Boolarra:    | A Sheers, M Hebbard 2, L Smith 1                                       |     |          |           |
| BEST:               | B Mason, M Porykali, B Flanagan, S Noy, M Dyer, W Flanagan             |     |          |           |
| RESERVES            |                                                                        |     |          |           |
| Stony Creek         | 0.2                                                                    | 2.4 | 5.5      | 6.10 (46) |
| Boolarra            | 0.2                                                                    | 0.3 | 1.5      | 1.6 (12)  |
| GOALS, Stony Creek: | D Zuidema, N Svenson 2, J Gheller, B Park 1 each                       |     |          |           |
| BEST:               | N Svenson, C James, T Davies, E Lavis, B Chadwick, C Batten            |     |          |           |
| GOALS, Boolarra:    | J Maggs 1                                                              |     |          |           |
| BEST:               | J Hawkins, D Cooper, D Jones, M Windsor, P Haines, R Johnstone-McCloud |     |          |           |

# Magpies win in thrilling upset

By Rob Popplestone

THE result was always going to offer contrasting fortunes to these two clubs, and that it did. The Magpies' win against the odds has them now just a game from the top six, the loss for Tarwin sees them drop to seventh on the MGFNL ladder.

"A really tough game and loss at the hands of Toora on Saturday. It was a really physical game, and credit to them they just wanted the contest more," Lachie Jones, Tarwin coach, said.

"We were down two key players from the quarter time break onwards, which didn't help the cause, and our guys fought it out to the siren, but we fell away in some basic fundamentals that proved costly.

"We will reset and go again next week against Thorpdale, where our season likely hangs in the balance."

The Toora train has really been chugging along in the past month or so, and from nowhere, the Magpies now find themselves very much in the thick of the action.

"Ripping match down at Tarwin in really tough conditions," Jay Accardi, Toora coach, said.

"It took nothing less than a huge team effort to get points, and once again, the boys stood tall when it mattered most.

"The job now definitely doesn't get any easier as we take on Foster in what will be another chance to see where we are in terms of the better teams in the competition."

The odds might be well and truly against them to knock off the league leaders in Foster, but the fact is that the odds have been against them to get where they sit right now, yet here we are.



A beautiful kick by Lachlan Marr for Toora in their narrow win against the Sharks. Photos: Bec Casey Sports Photography.



A tackle from both sides for Calum McLeod.

# Demons hold off the lions in blustery battle

By Rob Popplestone



Boolarra overpowers Stony Creek in a ruck contest. Photo: G.S. Bruning.

TWO sides who have been on the wrong sides of close finishes more than they would like to admit, met with the knowledge that this clash would be their best chance of victory in many weeks.

The Demons, desperate to keep their season and finals hopes alive, did just that.

"After a week of significant reflection on a horror loss last week, the focus was on a fast start for us. We were welcomed by conditions that would've seen kite flyers being plucked from Bass Strait," Brendan Mason, Boolarra coach, said.

"So with a fast start in mind, Aiden Sheers jagged the opener inside a minute to set the scene. But Stony Creek's vice skipper Cody Loughridge stepped up with a huge tackle and goal to wrest momentum back for the home side.

"After a focus on a strong start, confidence was high at the quarter time siren, which gave us a two-goal lead."

"Throwing Bailey Flanagan into the ruck, it was hoped the Demons could dominate to the scoring end in the second term, but it was Stony Creek who managed a pair of goals to peg the margin back to ten points at the main change.

"After a goalless third quarter that those in attendance will do well to forget, Stony Creek got back to an even goal difference on the scoreboard at the last change.

"With four players injured it was club president James Holmes that stood up and played out the last quarter on one leg to give us the full complement.

"In an arm wrestle of a last quarter that saw more stoppages than kicks that hit targets, it took eleven minutes for the first, and only goal to be kicked. And it was Boolarra's Lachy Smith who kicked truly after a sizzler of a pass from his skipper Joel Mason."

The review from coach Mason gives a great insight into the game. For his opposition, it is short and sweet.

"Boys dug deep in very trying conditions, and missing a number of key players. But unfortunately fell short again. Looking forward to a week off and hopefully reset for the last three games of the year," Troy Shepardson, Stony Creek coach, said.

That's the key now for the Lions, 2025 didn't turn out the way they hoped it might, but preparing now for the year ahead gives them a head start on most other clubs.



# Roos bounce back in rematch

By Rob Popplestone

LAST year's grand final-ists had met in round one, the clash to kick off the season had last year's runners-up, Yinnar, get one up on the reigning premiers

Fish Creek making it one a piece in the home and away season on the weekend 9.7.61 to 5.6.36.

"Really happy with the team yesterday: Jarrad Walker, Fish Creek coach, said.

"We spoke pre-game about wanting to have four quarters of effort and pressure, and I feel we gave that. Solid contributors all over the ground with everyone prepared to get their hands dirty. As always, Yinnar spread the ground really well when they had the ball and made us defend really hard. A great atmosphere as well, with a big turnout in the crowd from both teams.

"We now look forward to a week off to recharge the batteries and hit the last few games of the season."

The Kangaroos are over the moon with their efforts, the Magpies crushed, given what the likely result will be in a month's time, come finals time.

"Disappointing loss and to miss out on the opportunity to get the double chance," Sam McCulloch, Yinnar coach, said.

"Fish Creek got on top through the middle and were a lot cleaner with ball use. Certainly couldn't fault



Josh Standfield takes the kick after a close tackle. Photos: MVP Sports Photography.

our effort, but turnovers and decision-making cost us dearly. A couple of missed opportunities to gain some momentum at important stages didn't help.

"The loss gives us the chance to narrow our focus and get to work on some areas of our game which we need to sharpen up on."

That's the key now for Yinnar, as it is for a few finals contenders, as they reflect on results, be it a win or loss, to walk away learning a little more about their opposition, and importantly a little more about themselves.



Harry Sith looks to handball off the Sherrin whilst Timm Gavenlock looks on from behind in support.

## Bulldogs 15 point win rocks the boat for MDU

HEADING into the fourteenth round of the MGFNL home and away season, it seemed fair and reasonable to assume the top four positions were locked away, with Foster Fish Creek, Yinnar and MDU all looking to have done enough to secure a finals position, well, at least it appeared that way.

Where it really gets interesting, however, is with the six teams still fighting for the two available spots that will be available, it seems, right up until the final round, in just a month's time.

MDU were perfectly placed in fourth position prior to their clash with Newborough, the Bulldogs tenth, but just one game from fifth, and

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knowing that anything short of a win would likely end their hopes of finals, given the strength of opposition that still awaited them.

The final score, a fifteen-point win for the Bulldogs, 12.5.77 to 9.8.62, the victory against the odds and keeping the dream alive, and destroying the notion that MDU have fourth position locked away!

"The weekend's performance has got us asking questions about where we stand as a team. There are still plenty of positives. We need to look at tidying up a few areas of our game, which will put us back on track. Credit to Newbrough, who

came to play and has now beaten us twice this year," Rhett Kelly, MDU coach, said.

"One huge positive to take away is our younger players stepping up and playing their roles well for the team. They have shown plenty of promise and are looking to cement their spots as senior players." The Demons' loss has them just a game ahead of chasing teams, the Bulldogs' win has them within a win of breaking into the top six.

"Really good win against a top-four team in MDU. Having played them in round one, we had a bit of an understanding of their game plan and worked hard during the week to negate their foot skills and run and carry

game. There was essentially a kick in it the entire game until we slotted the first couple of the last to give us a 20-point barrier. Extremely proud of the boys now they've managed to string together a couple of close wins in a row," Pat Frendo, Newborough coach, said.

"Well earned, bye next week, which gives the boys a chance to get some rest before we face last year's grand finalists in back-to-back weeks."

With Fish Creek and Yinnar to come in the last month of the home and away season, the Bulldogs will need to find yet another level to keep on winning, but if they can, their finals position would well and truly be deserved.

### MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

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#### FISH CREEK FOOTBALL CLUB



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| YINNAR | FISH CREEK |
|--------|------------|
|--------|------------|

|            |     |     |     |          |
|------------|-----|-----|-----|----------|
| Yinnar     | 2.1 | 4.2 | 5.3 | 5.6 (36) |
| Fish Creek | 3.2 | 4.5 | 6.7 | 9.7 (61) |

**GOALS, Yinnar:** B Van Der Meer 2, N Hall, B Cheffers, D Linton 1 each  
**BEST:** B Cheffers, B Chapman, T Robertson, L Linton, B Van Der Meer, H McKay  
**GOALS, Fish Creek:** J Shaw, T Cameron 2, J Lamers, T Gavenlock, J Standfield, L Williams, S McGannon 1 each  
**BEST:** M McGannon, J Lamers, T Gavenlock, J Kenny, R De Biase, K Dorling

#### RESERVES

|            |     |      |       |             |
|------------|-----|------|-------|-------------|
| Yinnar     | 7.4 | 13.7 | 18.10 | 24.11 (155) |
| Fish Creek | 0.0 | 0.1  | 0.3   | 0.4 (4)     |

**GOALS, Yinnar:** S Patten 10, C Hutchison 4, J Garlick 3, D Webster, M Renwick, N McCafferty, M Parker, P Duncan, B Watson, J Shea 1 each  
**BEST:** J Garlick, K Elphick, L Pollard, B Watson, C Hutchison, G Oliver  
**BEST, Fish Creek:** J Anderson, L Southwell, T Sorrell, C Mcphee, Z Redpath, J Arestia

#### THIRDS

|            |     |       |       |             |
|------------|-----|-------|-------|-------------|
| Yinnar     | 4.6 | 10.12 | 15.15 | 20.19 (139) |
| Fish Creek | 1.1 | 1.1   | 4.2   | 5.3 (33)    |

**GOALS, Yinnar:** H Bugeja 4, P Mills, B Burrows 3, X McCafferty, D Hobbs, G Ryan 2, M Berechree, H Berechree, B Chessum, J Rogalsky 1 each  
**BEST:** G Ryan, H Bugeja, B Beecher, B Ransom, D Naporowski, B Burrows  
**GOALS, Fish Creek:** O Bright 3, L Moon, M Chapman 1 each  
**BEST:** B Boyd, M Thomson, J Gale, J Rysko, B Thomson, O Bright

#### MDU FOOTBALL CLUB



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| MDU | NEWBOROUGH |
|-----|------------|
|-----|------------|

|            |     |     |      |           |
|------------|-----|-----|------|-----------|
| MDU        | 4.0 | 7.1 | 8.6  | 9.8 (62)  |
| Newborough | 4.2 | 7.2 | 10.4 | 12.5 (77) |

**GOALS, MDU:** N Nagel 4, A Battersby, D Thorson, S Wilson, W Stewart, L Wright 1 each  
**BEST:** J Lacy, T Corry, J Hoy, S Wilson, D Thorson, J Schelling  
**GOALS, Newborough:** C Beaver 4, P Ainsworth 3, H Gallagher, B van Dyk, K Jennings, T Peters, J Bowden 1 each  
**BEST:** C Beaver, W Anderson, P Ainsworth, P Charles, K Jennings, J Edebohls

#### RESERVES

|            |     |      |      |             |
|------------|-----|------|------|-------------|
| MDU        | 5.6 | 15.7 | 20.9 | 28.12 (180) |
| Newborough | 0.1 | 0.2  | 0.3  | 0.3 (3)     |

**GOALS, MDU:** J Brydon 6, B Tomada 5, A Kemper 3, J Whiteside 3, R Weaver 3, M Smith 2, C Krohn, B Trotman, L Harris, T Harris, K Helms, B Cantwell 1 each  
**BEST:** J Brydon, B Tomada, M Harris, C Krohn, J Whiteside, R Jefferis  
**BEST, Newborough:** J Howell, D Lupton, E Mounsey, E Sheekey, M Stringer, R Timbs

#### THIRDS

|            |     |     |     |          |
|------------|-----|-----|-----|----------|
| MDU        | 2.1 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 8.6 (54) |
| Newborough | 3.4 | 3.4 | 6.7 | 9.7 (61) |

**GOALS, MDU:** L Hamilton 4, A McInnes 2, R Harrison, A Casey 1 each  
**BEST:** B Smith, T Hibberson, J Carew, J Lambert, W Campbell, L Hamilton  
**GOALS, Newborough:** O Hanson 3, C Hanson 2, R Kunziak, H Dunstan, S Kippen, M Langdon 1 each  
**BEST:** Z Daley, L Nelson, A Daley, M Brosnan, D Edebohls, R Kunziak

#### IN OTHER GAMES...

##### SENIORS

Thorpdale 12.8.80 d Morwell East 6.4.40

##### RESERVES

Morwell East 25.16.166 d Thorpdale 1.2.8

### MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE LADDERS

ROUND 14

| SENIORS      | W  | L  | %      | pts |
|--------------|----|----|--------|-----|
| Foster       | 11 | 1  | 240.76 | 52  |
| Fish Creek   | 12 | 1  | 201.04 | 52  |
| Yinnar       | 10 | 3  | 167.97 | 44  |
| MDU          | 8  | 5  | 127.77 | 36  |
| Thorpdale    | 7  | 6  | 101.50 | 32  |
| Mirboo Nth   | 6  | 6  | 81.82  | 32  |
| Tarwin       | 6  | 7  | 91.22  | 28  |
| Toora        | 6  | 7  | 90.34  | 28  |
| Newborough   | 6  | 7  | 74.40  | 28  |
| Boolarra     | 5  | 8  | 82.74  | 24  |
| Stony Creek  | 3  | 10 | 81.96  | 16  |
| Morwell East | 2  | 11 | 53.98  | 12  |
| Hill End     | 1  | 11 | 52.73  | 12  |

#### LEADING GOAL KICKERS

|                               |    |
|-------------------------------|----|
| Jake Best (Foster)            | 63 |
| Nick Nagel (MDU)              | 58 |
| Kane Grinstead-Jones (Yinnar) | 54 |

| RESERVES     | W  | L  | %      | pts |
|--------------|----|----|--------|-----|
| Yinnar       | 13 | 0  | 500.38 | 56  |
| MDU          | 10 | 3  | 363.32 | 44  |
| Morwell East | 10 | 3  | 283.50 | 44  |
| Tarwin       | 9  | 4  | 182.48 | 40  |
| Stony Creek  | 9  | 4  | 136.64 | 40  |
| Toora        | 8  | 5  | 207.33 | 36  |
| Fish Creek   | 8  | 5  | 107.60 | 36  |
| Hill End     | 3  | 9  | 55.07  | 20  |
| Newborough   | 4  | 9  | 54.07  | 20  |
| Mirboo Nth   | 3  | 9  | 53.60  | 20  |
| Foster       | 2  | 9  | 38.84  | 18  |
| Thorpdale    | 3  | 10 | 24.49  | 16  |
| Boolarra     | 0  | 12 | 22.34  | 6   |

#### LEADING GOAL KICKERS

|                               |    |
|-------------------------------|----|
| Jarryd Garlick (Yinnar)       | 55 |
| Adam Bright (Fish Creek)      | 43 |
| James Maurilli-Pullin (Toora) | 35 |

| THIRDS       | W | L  | %      | pts |
|--------------|---|----|--------|-----|
| MDU          | 9 | 2  | 317.77 | 48  |
| Newborough   | 9 | 2  | 162.48 | 48  |
| Yinnar       | 7 | 4  | 133.23 | 40  |
| Hill End     | 7 | 4  | 121.64 | 40  |
| Mirboo Nth   | 4 | 7  | 72.77  | 28  |
| Tarwin       | 2 | 8  | 72.08  | 24  |
| Fish Creek   | 0 | 11 | 22.67  | 12  |
| Stony Creek  | 0 | 0  | 0.00   | 0   |
| Toora        | 0 | 0  | 0.00   | 0   |
| Boolarra     | 0 | 0  | 0.00   | 0   |
| Thorpdale    | 0 | 0  | 0.00   | 0   |
| Morwell East | 0 | 0  | 0.00   | 0   |
| Foster       | 0 | 0  | 0.00   | 0   |

#### LEADING GOAL KICKERS

|                                |    |
|--------------------------------|----|
| Angus McInnes (MDU)            | 54 |
| Oscar Hanson (Newborough)      | 45 |
| Tobias McDuffie (Mirboo North) | 35 |

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WEST GIPPSLAND  
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INVERLOCH-KONGWAK FOOTBALL CLUB

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| INVERLOCH-K                                                                                     |     | TOORADIN-DAL |     |            |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|--------------|-----|------------|
| Inverloch-K                                                                                     | 4.5 | 5.5          | 7.8 | 7.8 (50)   |
| Tooradin-D                                                                                      | 2.0 | 5.4          | 5.6 | 13.12 (90) |
| GOALS, IK: D Clark 2, C O'Flynn, H McInnes, O Toussaint, A Terlich, J Tomas 1 each              |     |              |     |            |
| BEST: C O'Flynn, T Cumming, H Butcher, Z Box, P Pattison, E Park                                |     |              |     |            |
| GOALS, Toor-Dal: A Oxley, S Savage 3, B Butler, L Adams 2, J Flannery, A Dean, C Bassett 1 each |     |              |     |            |
| BEST: P Wright, M Buntine, S Savage, L Adams, A Oxley, J Flannery                               |     |              |     |            |

|             |     |     |     |          |
|-------------|-----|-----|-----|----------|
| RESERVES    |     |     |     |          |
| Inverloch-K | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.3 (9)  |
| Tooradin-D  | 2.2 | 3.3 | 7.7 | 8.7 (55) |

GOALS, IK: R Pattison 1  
BEST: S Hawking, J Bertacco, M McCaughan, L Williams, N Harris, A Cross  
GOALS, Toor-Dal: A Mirauta 4, J O'Donnell, R Lengyel, L Hill, B Robinson 1 each  
BEST: A Mirauta, D Blew, B Robinson, L Hill, M Shaw, N Lang

|                                                                           |     |     |     |          |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|----------|
| THIRDS                                                                    |     |     |     |          |
| Inverloch-K                                                               | 2.2 | 2.3 | 4.4 | 4.4 (28) |
| Tooradin-D                                                                | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 4.3 (27) |
| GOALS, IK: J Cousins 2, M Ward, A Nowell 1 each                           |     |     |     |          |
| BEST: M Ward, P Dwyer, R Newman, F Anderson, A Nowell, T Debono           |     |     |     |          |
| GOALS, Toor-Dal: C Campbell 2, J Cochrane, H Rogers 1 each                |     |     |     |          |
| BEST: B Hamilton, M Wigfield, C Campbell, J Worrall, J Brearley, R Cooper |     |     |     |          |

|                                                                               |     |     |     |          |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|----------|
| FOURTHS                                                                       |     |     |     |          |
| Inverloch-K                                                                   | 0.1 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.3 (21) |
| Tooradin-D                                                                    | 1.0 | 1.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 (12) |
| GOALS, IK: P OConnell, M Tonkin, H Sorensen 1 each                            |     |     |     |          |
| BEST: Z Anderson, G Sadler, C Newman, H Sorensen, F O'Halloran, N McLennan    |     |     |     |          |
| GOALS, Toor-Dal: C Hudson Sibilla, N Baker 1 each                             |     |     |     |          |
| BEST: J Alexander, N Baker, D Freeman, C Hudson Sibilla, W Murray, K Angleton |     |     |     |          |

DALYSTON FOOTBALL CLUB

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| GARFIELD                                                                                           |     | DALYSTON |      |            |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|----------|------|------------|
| Garfield                                                                                           | 3.2 | 4.6      | 7.10 | 10.11 (71) |
| Dalyston                                                                                           | 3.1 | 5.4      | 5.5  | 8.8 (56)   |
| GOALS, Garfield: M Johnson 4, L Schreurs 2, J Thomson, A Emery, B Tenace-Greenall, M Rennie 1 each |     |          |      |            |
| BEST: M Rennie, E Morris, W Pickering, N Rogers, B Tenace-Greenall, J Harrison                     |     |          |      |            |
| GOALS, Dalyston: F Peters, K Kirk 1 each                                                           |     |          |      |            |
| BEST: K Kirk, B Carew, F West, J Barry, B Lewis, D Karamoshos                                      |     |          |      |            |

|                                                                                     |     |     |     |           |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----------|
| RESERVES                                                                            |     |     |     |           |
| Garfield                                                                            | 1.6 | 3.7 | 6.7 | 9.11 (65) |
| Dalyston                                                                            | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 (0)   |
| GOALS, Garfield: C Tyler 3, S Marsh 2, L Bow, J Kellett, J Murphy, R Youssef 1 each |     |     |     |           |
| BEST: C Tyler, M Wolbers, L Bow, K Harper, R Day                                    |     |     |     |           |
| BEST, Dalyston: S Coldebella, A Chetland, W Luke, S Silver, B McRae, L Bellaart     |     |     |     |           |

|                                                                           |     |     |     |          |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|----------|
| THIRDS                                                                    |     |     |     |          |
| Garfield                                                                  | 1.0 | 1.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 (13) |
| Dalyston                                                                  | 2.6 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 5.9 (39) |
| GOALS, Garfield: M Maroney, A Stevenage 1 each                            |     |     |     |          |
| BEST: T Ronaldson, K Kelsey, A Stevenage, M Maroney, C Wangkaew, T Davitt |     |     |     |          |
| GOALS, Dalyston: C Bell 2, L McNally, R Brinkman, M Toler 1 each          |     |     |     |          |
| BEST: R Brinkman, M Toler, L Harris, T Humphris, B Anderson, C Bell       |     |     |     |          |

|                                                                 |     |     |     |           |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----------|
| FOURTHS                                                         |     |     |     |           |
| Garfield                                                        | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.0 | 2.1 (13)  |
| Dalyston                                                        | 1.3 | 2.6 | 2.7 | 3.12 (30) |
| GOALS, Garfield: No goal scorers listed                         |     |     |     |           |
| BEST: H Osborne, S O'Hara, J Wilberforce, T Davitt              |     |     |     |           |
| GOALS, Dalyston: L Franks, A Benetti 1 each                     |     |     |     |           |
| BEST: F McNally, Z Hughes, B Magro, B Wallis, J Joma, B Taranto |     |     |     |           |



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Seagulls' Jehi Esler and Xavier Shanners were too good for the Sea Eagles. B64\_2925

# IK surrender to Tooradin Dalmore

A FOURTEEN-point lead at three-quarter time was not enough for Inverloch-Kongwak to hold back a hungry Tooradin Dalmore side on Saturday.

The young Sea Eagles were to be commended for their high-energy performance, taking it up to the second-ranked team for most of the match.

However, Tooradin Dalmore's endurance won out in the end.

A strong wind played a role in the game, and Inverloch-Kongwak kicked with the advantage in the first quarter.

The Sea Eagles used the ball well, which resulted in a few late goals.

However, they were disappointed to give away two goals to Tooradin Dalmore.

Inverloch-Kongwak continued to hold its opposition well in the second quarter, not allowing Tooradin Dalmore to take full advantage of the wind and keeping the scores almost level.

Harry Butcher, Archie Terlich and Zak Box put on a great performance in the backline to keep Tooradin Dalmore reasonably quiet.

The Sea Eagles held on to a lead by just one point going into halftime.

The battle continued through the third quarter.

Callan O'Flynn played exceptionally well against Tooradin Dalmore's big

ruckman and Taite Cumming played an excellent game up forward.

However, Inverloch-Kongwak did not make the most of its opportunities and did not extend its lead enough heading into the last quarter.

Inverloch-Kongwak held Tooradin Dalmore off for the first 12 minutes of the final term, but a couple of goals gave the opposition the momentum to kick away, flattening the Sea Eagles by 40 points.

Inverloch-Kongwak will be regrouping this week to come back strong for its matchup against Korumburra-Bena.

The Sea Eagles met the Giants in round one and won by 27 points.

Historically, the matchup has been a tough one and the Sea Eagles are expecting the Giants to come into the match with some confidence after their win against Koo Wee Rup.

Inverloch-Kongwak is looking to bounce back from its loss and knows what needs to be done to get back on the winners list.

Inverloch-Kongwak remains seventh on the ladder and is still hopeful of earning its place in the top six.

During the home stretch to end the home and away series, the Sea Eagles will be focusing on playing a full four quarters and getting the job done.



Josh Williams hopes for a short pass in blustery conditions. B67\_2925



Tooradin Dalmore's Jack Flannery outreaches Sea Eagles' Logan Downe. B65\_2925

## Stars shine bright in windy battle with the Magpies

UNFORTUNATELY, it wasn't to be Dalyston's day against a determined Garfield unit on Saturday.

Playing at the Garfield Recreation Reserve, the home team claimed the win by a 15 point margin, leaving Dalyston firmly on the bottom of the ladder.

Garfield was stronger for longer and proved to be the dominant team on the day.

Dalyston played a good first quarter, only trailing by a point.

A howling gale wreaked havoc on the game and forced skill errors on both sides, but the Magpies managed to move the ball around gently to stay in it early.

The second quarter saw

the Magpies make a bit of a comeback, resulting in a four-point lead heading into halftime.

Blake Carew kicked two of Dalyston's first five goals in the first half and assisted the other three.

Carew was an asset, using his smarts and excellent judgment to gain the advantage.

Kyle Kirk was once again a powerhouse for Dalyston.

Kirk was in and under the play all day and showed a great work ethic.

Fraser West was moved out of the backline and was tested as an onballer.

He gave an impressive performance that earned him a place in Dalyston's best, but

was injured and benched during the second half.

In the backline, Ben Lewis returned to the game after a shoulder injury last week and was rock solid.

Jake Barry has also been building up his game since recovering from a serious shoulder injury last year and played an exciting game on Saturday, and the Dalyston faithful are keen to see more.

Dino Karamoshos once again came in with his silky skills and cleared pathways for Dalyston into the forward line.

Regardless of Dalyston's efforts, however, Garfield proved it was more adaptable to the conditions and

ultimately played a more consistent game.

Garfield rallied through the second half and, although there were hard-fought contests all day, showed it had more depth across the board under the strong leadership of coach Edward Morris.

Next week, Dalyston will be facing Cora Lynn.

Cora Lynn is currently sitting fourth on the ladder, but previous results suggest anything can happen.

Dalyston will be focusing on lessening the impact of Cora Lynn's Nathan Gardiner and is looking to improve on its last meeting with the Cobras, which resulted in a 76-point loss.



# Giants hang on to one point win



Jayden Deas kicked one goal for Korumburra-Bena on Saturday.

KORUMBURRA-BENA continued its recent fine form with a thrilling one-point win over Koo Wee Rup.

Playing at the Koo Wee Rup Recreation Reserve, the first goal of the game went to the Dees.

Wind was a massive factor in Saturday's game for both teams, causing inaccurate kicking and limited scoring opportunities.

Giants' Zach Walker read the ball well with lots of interceptions and Josh Hopkins exhibited some clean handballing skills.

Kicking against the wind in the first quarter, the Giants were still able to score, but Koo Wee Rup used the wind to its advantage early.

Rhys Dixon kicked a great running goal from 50 to get the Giants a good head start coming into the second quarter, now using the wind.

It was a very fast game, with lots of movement into the mid-field.

The Giants were down by two points at halftime.

Tyler Newton kicked a great running snap against the wind in the third quarter and Hopkins continued his clean skills through the midfield.

Lachie Smith was strong down back, sticking tight to his player all day

Tom Crocker kicked a goal to bring it back to five points at the 18-minute mark in the last quarter.

Ryan Gillis was granted a free kick at Koo Wee Rup's kick out, allowing him to kick the goal from approximately 50 metres out with the wind, putting the Giants in front by one point.

The last five minutes were intense, the ball going from one pocket to the other without score.

There were lots of stoppages.

The boys did extremely well to stop any score from the Demons whilst being one point up in those chilling minutes.

Despite their slow start and not using the wind to their advantage in the beginning, the Giants crawled back with strength and determination, to squeeze out the win.

This was the Giants' third victory for the season.

They hope to record their fourth next week against Inverloch-Kongwak.

## WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION RESULTS

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### KORUMBURRA BENA FOOTBALL CLUB

|                                                                                         | 55  |                 | 56   |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----------------|------|
| KOO WEE RUP                                                                             |     | KORUMBURRA BENA |      |
| Koo Wee Rup                                                                             | 3.1 | 4.2             | 7.4  |
| Kor-Bena                                                                                | 2.3 | 3.6             | 4.9  |
| GOALS, KWR: S Ohehir 3, F Pittard, T Twite, N Muratore, A Whitta, T Miller 1 each       |     |                 |      |
| BEST: M Voss, J Bateman, E McDonald, S Ohehir, N Muratore, L Pirodda                    |     |                 |      |
| GOALS, Kor-Bena: R Gillis 2, T Newton, J Ceppi, J Deas, R Dixon, T Crocker 1 each       |     |                 |      |
| BEST: G Dickson, J Ceppi, J Hopkins, L Smith, R Gillis, Z Walker                        |     |                 |      |
| RESERVES                                                                                |     |                 |      |
| Koo Wee Rup                                                                             | 1.2 | 3.7             | 3.7  |
| Kor-Bena                                                                                | 0.1 | 1.1             | 3.3  |
| GOALS, KWR: M Alderson, C Arthur, R Wilby 1 each                                        |     |                 |      |
| BEST: E Neill, B Delarue, M Alderson, L Edwards, C Taylor-McKain, J Kakantonis          |     |                 |      |
| GOALS, Kor-Bena: B Nation, J Harris, N Beavis 1 each                                    |     |                 |      |
| BEST: C Anderson, C Axford, T Walker, J Harris, J Macri, B Riddell                      |     |                 |      |
| THIRDS                                                                                  |     |                 |      |
| Koo Wee Rup                                                                             | 2.6 | 4.9             | 7.10 |
| Kor-Bena                                                                                | 0.0 | 1.2             | 2.2  |
| GOALS, KWR: F Pittard 3, J Kelly 2, M Simpson, M Monckton, L Pirodda 1 each             |     |                 |      |
| BEST: C Wood, F Pittard, K Galucho, L Goldberg, J Bruin, J Kelly                        |     |                 |      |
| GOALS, Kor-Bena: C Quaife 2, N Belvedere, C De Grandi 1 each                            |     |                 |      |
| BEST: B Riddell, J Douglas, J Gollop, B Fowles, C Quaife, J Kelly                       |     |                 |      |
| FOURTHS                                                                                 |     |                 |      |
| Koo Wee Rup                                                                             | 1.3 | 3.4             | 4.5  |
| Kor-Bena                                                                                | 1.0 | 1.2             | 3.3  |
| GOALS, KWR: C Parr 2, J Hobson, J Wood, Z Ducasse, A Sands, Z Johnson, K Bertone 1 each |     |                 |      |
| BEST: Z Ducasse, S Giles, B Thurling, C Parr, S Filarski, J Hobson                      |     |                 |      |
| GOALS, Kor-Bena: J Douglas, C Boulter, R Skeen 1 each                                   |     |                 |      |
| BEST: O Maskell, C Hansch, K Hansch, N Coffey, Z Fowles, J Douglas                      |     |                 |      |

### KILCUNDA BASS FOOTBALL CLUB

|                                                                                      | 75  |               | 21   |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|---------------|------|
| CORA LYNN                                                                            |     | KILCUNDA-BASS |      |
| Cora Lynn                                                                            | 3.2 | 6.3           | 9.6  |
| K-Bass                                                                               | 0.1 | 1.2           | 2.2  |
| GOALS, Cora Lynn: N Gardiner 7, J Briggs, T Warkuss 1 each                           |     |               |      |
| BEST: H Briggs, J Briggs, L Black, N Gardiner, M Butera, M Banham                    |     |               |      |
| GOALS, K-Bass: T Tuck, J West, T Gunn 1 each                                         |     |               |      |
| BEST: D Gawley, N Foote, D Mcrae, J Soroczynski, T Tuck, J West                      |     |               |      |
| RESERVES                                                                             |     |               |      |
| Cora Lynn                                                                            | 3.7 | 4.8           | 4.15 |
| K-Bass                                                                               | 0.0 | 2.1           | 2.1  |
| GOALS, Cora Lynn: J Black, T Kensley, J Frazer, L Fox, C Power, T Lilley-Hale 1 each |     |               |      |
| BEST: J Wilson, K Williams, K McBride, L Taylor, C Brook, J Black                    |     |               |      |
| GOALS, K-Bass: M Owens, C Simpson 1 each                                             |     |               |      |
| BEST: N Bradley, G Boyd, A Banks, A Daraio, C Brinkmann, B Simpson                   |     |               |      |

### IN OTHER GAMES...

|              |           |   |                     |
|--------------|-----------|---|---------------------|
| SENIORS      |           |   |                     |
| Nar Nar Goon | 14.8.92   | d | Warragul Ind 2.7.19 |
| RESERVES     |           |   |                     |
| Nar Nar Goon | 16.12.108 | d | Warragul Ind 1.1.7  |
| THIRDS       |           |   |                     |
| Nar Nar Goon | 6.8.44    | d | Warragul Ind 5.9.39 |
| FOURTHS      |           |   |                     |
| Warragul Ind | 5.6.36    | d | Nar Nar Goon 5.5.35 |

# Fast start fades as Panthers fall to disciplined Cobras

KILCUNDA-BASS was dealt another loss at the hands of Cora Lynn in trying conditions on Saturday.

Despite the scoreline, the Panthers played an exceptional first quarter, which unfortunately did not carry through the entire game.

Cora Lynn won the toss and kicked with the wind in the first quarter.

Kilcunda-Bass worked well to hold the Cobras to just three goals, reducing the potential for a blowout.

With a few extra defenders in the backline, Lochlan Scott led the charge to keep Cora Lynn's Nathan Gardiner from causing too much damage and Dean McRae took some essential marks.

Intercepting was exceptional across the board.

Faced with a gettable margin, Kilcunda-Bass felt confident going into the second quarter.

However, the wind died a little bit, and, to the Cobras' credit, they were able to hold the Panthers well and limit scoring opportunities.

Cora Lynn adopted the same strategy as the Panthers and had a few extra defenders in the backline, blanketing Kilcunda-Bass' forwards.

The second half looked much the same as the second quarter.

Play was scrappy and the Cobras got the better of the Panthers.

By the fourth quarter, the Panthers mentally knew how this game would end, but went in with the mindset that it was nil-all and maybe it could win just one quarter.

The Cobras outplayed the Panthers once more and the 54-point margin was in keeping with the tone of the day.

Despite the loss, Kilcunda-Bass has held on to its sixth spot on the ladder.

Going into a tough game against Phillip Island, Kilcunda-Bass will need to be switched on to stop Inverloch-Kongwak from swiping its spot in the finals.

The Panthers last met Phillip Island in round three.

Coming back from a five-goal deficit at halftime, Kilcunda-Bass only lost that game by 18 points.

With a few more players coming back next week, bringing the team almost back to full strength, Kilcunda-Bass is up for the fight and hopeful it can come away with a win.



Cora Lynn's Luke Black outpoints Panthers' Dale Gawley as they contest the ball. Photo: Rob Gardiner.

| WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION LADDERS |    |    |        |     |                                 |    |    |        |     |                                |    | ROUND 15 |        |        |                              |    |    |        |        |
|------------------------------------|----|----|--------|-----|---------------------------------|----|----|--------|-----|--------------------------------|----|----------|--------|--------|------------------------------|----|----|--------|--------|
| SENIORS                            |    |    |        |     | RESERVES                        |    |    |        |     | THIRDS                         |    |          |        |        | FOURTHS                      |    |    |        |        |
|                                    | W  | L  | %      | pts |                                 | W  | L  | %      | pts |                                | W  | L        | %      | pts av |                              | W  | L  | %      | pts av |
| Nar Nar Goon                       | 14 | 0  | 300.35 | 56  | Tooradin-Dal                    | 12 | 2  | 429.32 | 48  | Phillip Island                 | 11 | 1        | 255.73 | 3.67   | Warragul Ind                 | 11 | 2  | 366.44 | 3.38   |
| Tooradin-Dal                       | 12 | 2  | 149.66 | 48  | Nar Nar Goon                    | 11 | 3  | 304.46 | 44  | Nar Nar Goon                   | 11 | 2        | 229.29 | 3.38   | Inverloch-K                  | 9  | 2  | 232.10 | 3.27   |
| Phillip Island                     | 9  | 4  | 150.22 | 36  | Inverloch-K                     | 10 | 3  | 251.45 | 40  | Inverloch-K                    | 8  | 2        | 277.05 | 3.09   | Nar Nar Goon                 | 10 | 3  | 233.22 | 3.08   |
| Cora Lynn                          | 9  | 4  | 132.72 | 36  | Cora Lynn                       | 10 | 3  | 165.34 | 40  | Koo Wee Rup                    | 8  | 4        | 160.69 | 2.62   | Tooradin-Dal                 | 9  | 4  | 211.96 | 2.77   |
| Warragul Ind                       | 8  | 6  | 81.03  | 32  | Phillip Island                  | 9  | 4  | 228.64 | 36  | Tooradin-Dal                   | 8  | 5        | 124.58 | 2.46   | Kilcunda Bass                | 7  | 5  | 85.50  | 2.33   |
| Kilcunda Bass                      | 6  | 8  | 90.27  | 24  | Koo Wee Rup                     | 7  | 7  | 88.27  | 28  | Warragul Ind                   | 6  | 7        | 111.35 | 1.85   | Koo Wee Rup                  | 6  | 6  | 51.50  | 2.00   |
| Inverloch-K                        | 5  | 8  | 85.60  | 20  | Kor-Bena                        | 6  | 8  | 66.71  | 24  | Dalyston                       | 4  | 8        | 58.55  | 1.33   | Phillip Island               | 5  | 7  | 121.97 | 1.67   |
| Garfield                           | 4  | 9  | 65.06  | 16  | Garfield                        | 5  | 8  | 69.67  | 20  | Garfield                       | 3  | 9        | 68.97  | 1.00   | Kor-Bena                     | 3  | 10 | 53.85  | 0.92   |
| Koo Wee Rup                        | 3  | 11 | 76.69  | 12  | Kilcunda Bass                   | 2  | 12 | 35.44  | 8   | Kor-Bena                       | 1  | 11       | 22.70  | 0.33   | Dalyston                     | 2  | 11 | 36.05  | 0.62   |
| Kor-Bena                           | 3  | 11 | 60.92  | 12  | Dalyston                        | 2  | 12 | 29.06  | 8   | Cora Lynn                      | 0  | 11       | 21.74  | 0.00   | Garfield                     | 0  | 12 | 11.88  | 0.00   |
| Dalyston                           | 2  | 12 | 52.65  | 8   | Warragul Ind                    | 1  | 13 | 22.42  | 4   | Kilcunda-Bass                  | 0  | 0        | 0.00   | 0.00   | Cora Lynn                    | 0  | 0  | 0.00   | 0.00   |
| LEADING GOAL KICKERS               |    |    |        |     | LEADING GOAL KICKERS            |    |    |        |     | LEADING GOAL KICKERS           |    |          |        |        | LEADING GOAL KICKERS         |    |    |        |        |
| Nathan Gardiner (Cora Lynn)        |    |    |        |     | Anthony Mirauta (Tooradin-Dal)  |    |    |        |     | Tarrant Millar (Nar Nar Goon)  |    |          |        |        | Ky Bannister (Warragul Ind)  |    |    |        |        |
| Dermott Yawney (Nar Nar Goon)      |    |    |        |     | Lauchlan Gregson (Tooradin-Dal) |    |    |        |     | Chayse Campbell (Tooradin-Dal) |    |          |        |        | Sam O'Garey (Phillip Island) |    |    |        |        |
| Andrew Dean (Tooradin-Dal)         |    |    |        |     | Rem Dal Pozzo (Inverloch-K)     |    |    |        |     | Oliver Duggan (Phillip Island) |    |          |        |        |                              |    |    |        |        |

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| GIPPSLAND LEAGUE    |                     |
| Traralgon 23.19.157 | d Maffra 6.6.42     |
| Morwell 12.12.84    | d Wonthaggi 7.5.47  |
| Leongatha 10.3.63   | d Moe 9.7.61        |
| Sale 26.16.172      | d Drouin 9.9.63     |
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Towering Tigers' ruckman Isaac Abas at times found the Power wanting. B48\_2925



Aiden Lindsay performed well in his 200th game for Power, but it wasn't enough to overcome a strong final quarter from the Tigers, avenging their 12-point loss to Wonthaggi in Round 4. B42\_2925



Anthony Rosato fierce in attack for the Tigers, was named one of the best on ground. B38\_2925

THIS WEEKEND'S DRAW

SATURDAY, JULY 26

ELLINBANK ROUND 15

Buln Buln v Lang Lang  
Ellinbank v Longwarry  
Poowong v Neerim South  
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Nyora v Trafalgar  
Bunyip v Catani

GIPPSLAND ROUND 14

Wonthaggi v Sale  
Warragul v Traralgon  
Maffra v Bairnsdale  
Drouin v Moe  
Leongatha v Morwell

MID GIPPSLAND ROUND 15

MDU v Yinnar  
Mirboo North v Hill End  
Morwell East v Boolarra  
Tarwin v Thorpdale  
Toora v Foster

Fish Creek, Newborough & Stony Creek - BYES

WEST GIPPSLAND ROUND 16

Kilcunda-Bass v Phillip Island  
Cora Lynn v Dalyston  
Korumburra-Bena v Inverloch-Kongwak  
Garfield v Warragul Industrials  
Nar Nar Goon, Tooradin-Dalmore  
& Koo Wee Rup - BYES

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## Wonthaggi stunned by inexplicable decision

A SPECIAL day for Wonthaggi, at home and celebrating Aiden Lindsay's 200th game, was soured by an extraordinary umpiring decision that may ultimately cost Power a place in the finals, leaving the club bitterly disappointed.

With Wonthaggi a goal ahead during time on in the second quarter, Morwell ruckman Isaac Abas delivered an unprompted blow to the head of Power skipper Josh Bates sending him to the ground and sparking a heated skirmish between the teams.

While an umpire saw the incident, immediately blowing his whistle and awarding Wonthaggi a free kick, Abas was allowed to remain on the field.

Although Power took a four-point lead to the long break, Morwell got right on top in the third term, Abas playing a considerable role during that period, including a decisive hitout that set up a Tigers' goal, helping Morwell build momentum.

Wonthaggi's shock that Abas wasn't sent off at all, believing he should have been red-carded, was compounded when the Tiger was offered a one-match suspension post-game.

The home side started the match brightly, creating forward forays in the tricky windy conditions, the highlight delivered by Kaj Patterson who seized on a poor Morwell pass, charged forward and split the big sticks with a long kick.

An accurate Jai Williams' set shot extended Power's advantage.

As time ticked away, it appeared Morwell would go to



Wonthaggi Power at home was no match for a resurgent Morwell Tigers. B37\_2925

the quarter time huddle with just a behind on the scoreboard but Boyd Bailey booted truly after the siren, having received a free kick, Wonthaggi leading by just a goal at the first change.

Morwell's strong teamwork in defence was noteworthy, enabling the Tigers to prevent Power getting much of an advantage.

It took about 10 minutes into the second stanza before either side registered a major, that coming from an Anthony Rosato snap for the Tigers.

Although that proved his only goal for the day, he contributed to others and could consider himself unfortunate not to be named higher than

fifth place on the winning side's best players list.

Morwell's eight goals to one third term put the result beyond doubt, setting up a 38-point advantage with a quarter to play.

Wonthaggi stuck at the task, managing to outscore the Tigers by a point in the final term.

The Tigers' 37-point victory looks comfortable on the score sheet, but it would likely have been a vastly different outcome if Abas had been sent off for the remainder of the match with a little over a half to play.

Brodie Mabilia's work in the ruck and around the ground was again recognised, the big man named Power's best

player for the second week in a row.

Ethan Dickison, Jaxon Williams, Jye Gilmour, Patterson and Harry Dawson rounded out the beaten team's best players list.

Cooper McInnes was Power's multiple goal scorer, with a couple of majors to his name, while Josh Galea was most prolific in attack for the Tigers with three goals, Cohen Campbell managing a couple.

Having dropped out of the top five on percentage to Morwell, Wonthaggi hosts a must-win game against Sale, while the Tigers look to make it three wins in a row, albeit against a tough adversary in top-of-the-ladder Leongatha.





Ben Harding was one of the best players in a memorable win by Leongatha over premiership contenders Moe at Ted Summerton Reserve on Saturday but he had plenty of mates in a standout victory by the Parrots.



‘Get around him!’ First gamer for Leongatha, Finn Donohue celebrates his first goal in the second quarter against Moe on Saturday.

# Youthful Parrots claim memorable victory at Moe

**From page 60**

You didn't have to look far past Tom Marriott to a moon-boot, speaking to the midfield group at three quarter time, Noah Fixter or Levi Hickey nursing new ACL injuries on the sidelines, Tallin Brill running water for the team while he recovers, Cade Maskell, Jenson Garnham and Jacob Warne and several others for an indication of the missing talent.

But the skills, pace and commitment of the recent inclusions were there for all to see, especially those looking to the future of one of the league's most enduring performers.

Speaking to the Sentinel-Times afterwards, McMicking said the effort brought by the team was "right up there".

"Yeah, one of the best in my time here, for sure," he said.

"We came with 12 guys, 21 or under, and I thought, at three-quarter time, we might not have enough, but they made it work.

"The match had some great moments, they all had a go, and you can't ask more than that," he said.

Unwilling to single anyone out, McMicking had earlier praised the "elite contest work" of onballers Ben Willis, in the ruck opposed to star Moe tall Chris Prowse, Luke Bowman, Aaron Heppell, Kim Drew and others opposed to Alex Dijkstra, Luke Cheffers, Nathan Scagliarini and co, and the defenders including Sean Westaway on the Moe coach Leigh Pohlke, Xavier Bolge on key marking forward Nick Prowse and Hayden Lindsay on the league's leading goal kicker, the dangerously talented Ben Crocker.

But the contributions came right across the board; Sam Forrester and Will Littlejohn providing leadership and stability down back, where Beau Grabham-Andrews and Travis Nash were also standouts; Jack Hume, Ben Harding and a mosquito fleet of players running and sharing the ball through the centre and down the flanks, Nick Argento purposeful up forward together with Patrick Ireland, Aydan Williams, Xavier Lamers and Ty Hall all alive to the possibilities when the ball was there to be won...

And the two debutants, Finn Donohue with a breakthrough goal in the second quarter and Mitch de Kleuver, respecting the hard work of Bowman and Argento in the lead up, with a straight kick from 35 metres in the third quarter, both looked the part in a team effort.

It was an absolute classic and Moe, to give them their due, kept coming all day and had their chances to snatch it right up until the end.

And they'll be better for the inclusion of the league's 2024 medal winner Riley Baldi later in the season.

But, for all that though, and just a two-point margin, Leongatha was the better team on the day and thoroughly deserved the win.

Match details: Intercept machine Declan Keilty was back for Moe and immediately set up the wall in defence until

Nick Argento opened the Parrots' account following a free. Crocker was stopped by Leongatha's Lindsay from replying and Ireland marked and goaled after a 50 metre penalty.

Crocker had a couple more chances but Westaway, coming off his man saved the day until finally Leigh Pohlke opened their account. An important snapshot late by Drew gave Leongatha a handy lead in a low-scoring affair, full of pressure but also impacted by a strong cross breeze.

Coach McMicking was happy with the "elite contest work" and the forward pressure but asked for a bit more width on the handpasses, to stick the tackles and allow the "mozzie fleet" to get moving.

Aaron Heppell was having his best game of the year, banged through the opener of the second quarter, after good work by Argento and Harding and very nearly had another a moment later.

First-gamer Finn Donohue took the coach at his word, stuck a tackle and kicked the goal as the players got around him in a team-lifting passage of play.

There were then plenty of those big moments from the Parrots as Moe turned the screws; Bolge with a great mark at half back, Ben Willis a man possessed in the ruck, Heppell getting back to help, Harding also defending, and Jay Walker with a smother but finally Crocker got his chance from point-blank range.

The Parrots tried to respond, but Kiely was backing his judgement to stop their progress, as too were Berquez and Miles Pohlke in defence, and they might have had a few more on the board by half time if not for the Parrots' resolve in defence.

An easy lead-out mark by Leigh Pohlke and a goal made it 10 points the difference at halftime.

The third quarter was a highlight with four goals apiece as both teams had their moments.

Moe actually hit the lead midway through the term following an unfair "advantage" play which finished in a goal to Dijkstra and a goal to Crocker, but goals to de Kluever and Argento restored the Parrots' slender lead going into the last change.

The last quarter was a real arm-wrestle, fought out mainly between the 50-metre arcs, with Moe youngster Luke Cheffers scoring a goal midway through to cut the lead to three points and Crocker looking to run on to the loose ball, after an errant Hume handball, only to see it saved on the line.

A great contest by Xavier Lamers produced the match-winning goal for the Parrots at the 20-minute mark but there was still a long way to go and when Crocker goaled after Westaway was penalised, despite no prior opportunity, Moe was up and about.

Lachlan Rock had a gilt-edged opportunity on the run to put them in front, but it wasn't to be and Leongatha went on the attack to the defensive side of the ground and held on for the win.

## GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

RND 13

### LEONGATHA FOOTBALL CLUB

 **61**

 **63**

|           | MOE |     | LEONGATHA |           |
|-----------|-----|-----|-----------|-----------|
| Moe       | 1.1 | 3.5 | 7.6       | 9.7 (61)  |
| Leongatha | 3.2 | 5.3 | 9.3       | 10.3 (63) |

**GOALS, Moe:** B Crocker 4, L Pohlke 2, L Cheffers, A Dijkstra, H Pepper 1 each  
**BEST:** L Masters, L Cheffers, M Woodall, X Berquez, A Dijkstra, H Pepper  
**GOALS, Leongatha:** A Heppell 2, N Argento 2, Z Lamers, M De Kleuver, A Williams, F Donohue, P Ireland, K Drew 1 each  
**BEST:** B Harding, H Lindsay, A Heppell, J Hume, N Argento, B Willis

#### RESERVES

|           |     |     |     |          |
|-----------|-----|-----|-----|----------|
| Moe       | 1.0 | 2.2 | 5.3 | 5.5 (35) |
| Leongatha | 0.5 | 0.7 | 5.8 | 7.9 (51) |

**GOALS, Moe:** B Holt 2, C Nash, A Wilson, W Robinson 1 each  
**BEST:** C Nash, A Wilson, J Makepeace, B Sword, W Hester, S Hanson  
**GOALS, Leongatha:** F Materia 2, N Hanily, K McGrath, B Fort, D Kratzat, M Sheahan 1 each  
**BEST:** L Marshman, N Hanily, I Fox, N Clark, B Fort, T Gannon

#### THIRDS

|           |     |     |     |          |
|-----------|-----|-----|-----|----------|
| Moe       | 1.2 | 2.3 | 3.4 | 4.7 (31) |
| Leongatha | 1.2 | 4.3 | 6.6 | 7.7 (49) |

**GOALS, Moe:** B Raymond, E Romano, A Battista, W Mills 1 each  
**BEST:** O Budd, B Raymond, M Moroney, B Blandford, W Mills, K Budnik  
**GOALS, Leongatha:** M Croatto 3, M Sheahan 2, E Berryman, M Carter 1 each  
**BEST:** S Bradley, N Bradley, K McGrath, A Fixter, M Croatto, A Gannon

#### FOURTHS

|           |     |     |     |           |
|-----------|-----|-----|-----|-----------|
| Moe       | 3.0 | 6.1 | 9.2 | 13.7 (85) |
| Leongatha | 3.2 | 4.2 | 8.3 | 8.5 (53)  |

**BEST, Moe:** E Romano, N Romeril, R Richardson, K Micallef, R O'Brien, S Shields  
**BEST, Leongatha:** No players listed

### WONTHAGGI FOOTBALL CLUB

 **47**

 **84**

|           | WONTHAGGI |     | MORWELL |            |
|-----------|-----------|-----|---------|------------|
| Wonthaggi | 2.1       | 4.1 | 5.3     | 7.5 (47)   |
| Morwell   | 1.1       | 3.3 | 11.5    | 12.12 (84) |

**GOALS, Wonthaggi:** C McInnes 2, J Williams, N Anderson, C Brown, H Tiziani, K Patterson 1 each  
**BEST:** B Mabilia, E Dickison, J Williams, J Gilmour, K Patterson, H Dawson  
**GOALS, Morwell:** J Galea 3, C Campbell 2, T Hillier, A Rosato, D Musil, B Bailey, J Burr, C Macdonald, B McDonald 1 each  
**BEST:** Z Anderson, A Quigley, S Walsh, B Bailey, A Rosato, B Couling

#### RESERVES

|           |     |     |     |          |
|-----------|-----|-----|-----|----------|
| Wonthaggi | 2.1 | 3.4 | 3.7 | 3.8 (26) |
| Morwell   | 2.2 | 3.3 | 4.3 | 5.7 (37) |

**GOALS, Wonthaggi:** B Cornelis 2, C Krause 1  
**BEST:** A McNeel, J Harvey, J Douthat, C Krause, B Cornelis, A Pugh  
**GOALS, Morwell:** T Gray, N Noblett 2, C White 1  
**BEST:** Z Cheffers, L Patterson, M McInnes, N Noblett, D Makepeace, C Bailey

#### THIRDS

|           |     |     |     |           |
|-----------|-----|-----|-----|-----------|
| Wonthaggi | 3.2 | 6.3 | 8.6 | 10.9 (69) |
| Morwell   | 0.3 | 2.3 | 3.5 | 3.5 (23)  |

**GOALS, Wonthaggi:** T Macmillan 3, S Carter 2, J Thomas, J Brouwers, M Ori, J Burns, N Pugh 1 each  
**BEST:** T Macmillan, M Ori, S Carter, L Lidstone, H Smith, J Burns  
**GOALS, Morwell:** R O'Neill 2, T James 1  
**BEST:** D Rosato, C Page, R O'Neill, J Mooney, T James

#### FOURTHS

|           |     |     |     |          |
|-----------|-----|-----|-----|----------|
| Wonthaggi | 0.1 | 3.2 | 4.3 | 4.4 (28) |
| Morwell   | 1.0 | 2.4 | 6.6 | 6.8 (44) |

**BEST, Wonthaggi:** A Luke, A Jobe, M Feather, W Simmons, N Pugh, R Smith  
**BEST, Morwell:** L Ainsworth, H Gaunt, H McKay, F Granger, C Mackay, O Mckay

### IN OTHER GAMES.

**SENIORS**  
Traralgon 23.19.157 d Maffra 6.6.42  
Sale 26.16.172 d Drouin 9.9.63  
Warragul 9.10.64 d Bairnsdale 8.8.56

**RESERVES**  
Sale 22.18.150 d Drouin 2.3.15  
Traralgon 10.12.72 d Maffra 7.7.49  
Warragul 5.10.40 d Bairnsdale 4.11.35

**THIRDS**  
Maffra 12.8.80 d Traralgon 4.8.32  
Sale 7.8.50 d Drouin 7.6.48  
Bairnsdale 10.11.71 d Warragul 4.7.31

**FOURTHS**  
Traralgon 13.15.93 d Maffra 4.3.27  
Drouin 8.7.55 d Sale 4.4.28  
Warragul 14.12.96 d Bairnsdale 5.6.36

## GIPPSLAND LEAGUE LADDERS

ROUND 13

| SENIORS                        | W  | L  | %      | pts | RESERVES                     | W  | L  | %      | pts | THIRDS                         | W  | L  | %      | pts | FOURTHS                        | W  | L  | %      | pts |
|--------------------------------|----|----|--------|-----|------------------------------|----|----|--------|-----|--------------------------------|----|----|--------|-----|--------------------------------|----|----|--------|-----|
| Leongatha                      | 11 | 2  | 180.77 | 44  | Traralgon                    | 12 | 1  | 370.14 | 48  | Leongatha                      | 11 | 2  | 136.14 | 44  | Traralgon                      | 13 | 0  | 960.45 | 52  |
| Moe                            | 10 | 3  | 176.51 | 40  | Leongatha                    | 11 | 2  | 323.40 | 44  | Maffra                         | 9  | 3  | 237.27 | 38  | Maffra                         | 11 | 2  | 172.67 | 44  |
| Traralgon                      | 9  | 4  | 142.97 | 36  | Maffra                       | 9  | 4  | 191.03 | 36  | Warragul                       | 9  | 3  | 188.96 | 38  | Warragul                       | 10 | 3  | 173.55 | 40  |
| Warragul                       | 8  | 5  | 113.65 | 32  | Moe                          | 9  | 4  | 185.92 | 36  | Bairnsdale                     | 8  | 4  | 118.54 | 34  | Moe                            | 8  | 5  | 120.52 | 32  |
| Morwell                        | 7  | 6  | 119.21 | 28  | Wonthaggi                    | 7  | 6  | 113.27 | 28  | Moe                            | 8  | 5  | 160.26 | 32  | Bairnsdale                     | 6  | 7  | 73.05  | 24  |
| Wonthaggi                      | 7  | 6  | 98.50  | 28  | Sale                         | 5  | 8  | 86.54  | 20  | Traralgon                      | 7  | 5  | 177.60 | 30  | Leongatha                      | 5  | 8  | 69.63  | 20  |
| Bairnsdale                     | 4  | 9  | 84.30  | 16  | Warragul                     | 5  | 8  | 53.29  | 20  | Drouin                         | 5  | 8  | 100.14 | 20  | Morwell                        | 4  | 9  | 44.69  | 16  |
| Sale                           | 4  | 9  | 72.59  | 16  | Morwell                      | 4  | 9  | 76.33  | 16  | Sale                           | 4  | 9  | 46.04  | 16  | Wonthaggi                      | 3  | 9  | 45.50  | 14  |
| Maffra                         | 4  | 9  | 72.37  | 16  | Bairnsdale                   | 3  | 10 | 68.44  | 12  | Wonthaggi                      | 2  | 11 | 49.05  | 8   | Sale                           | 3  | 10 | 47.61  | 12  |
| Drouin                         | 1  | 12 | 44.50  | 4   | Drouin                       | 0  | 13 | 9.50   | 0   | Morwell                        | 0  | 13 | 25.08  | 0   | Drouin                         | 1  | 11 | 58.70  | 6   |
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| Ben Crocker (Moe) 63           |    |    |        |     | Brendan Holt (Moe) 28        |    |    |        |     | Rylie Baker (Drouin) 48        |    |    |        |     | Brody Stevenson (Traralgon) 64 |    |    |        |     |
| Patrick Ireland (Leongatha) 39 |    |    |        |     | Damien Hough (Traralgon) 27  |    |    |        |     | Cameron Thompson (Warragul) 30 |    |    |        |     | Fraser Aubrey (Warragul) 51    |    |    |        |     |
| Brandon McDonald (Morwell) 34  |    |    |        |     | Oliver Haberl (Traralgon) 26 |    |    |        |     | Wil Ruthberg (Maffra) 25       |    |    |        |     | Bill De Araugo (Warragul) 45   |    |    |        |     |





# Youthful Parrots claim memorable victory at Moe

LEONGATHA came away from Moe on Saturday with a memorable victory, against the odds, described by some club stalwarts as one of the best 'home and away' wins in the club's history.

With the likes of club legends including Frank Welsford, Keith Kuhne, Neville Stone, Glenn Wright, Trevor Riseley and Alistair Fixter looking on approvingly, Leongatha protected a slender but hard-won lead of nine points at the last change, to win by two points after a thrilling last quarter during which both clubs threw everything at the contest.

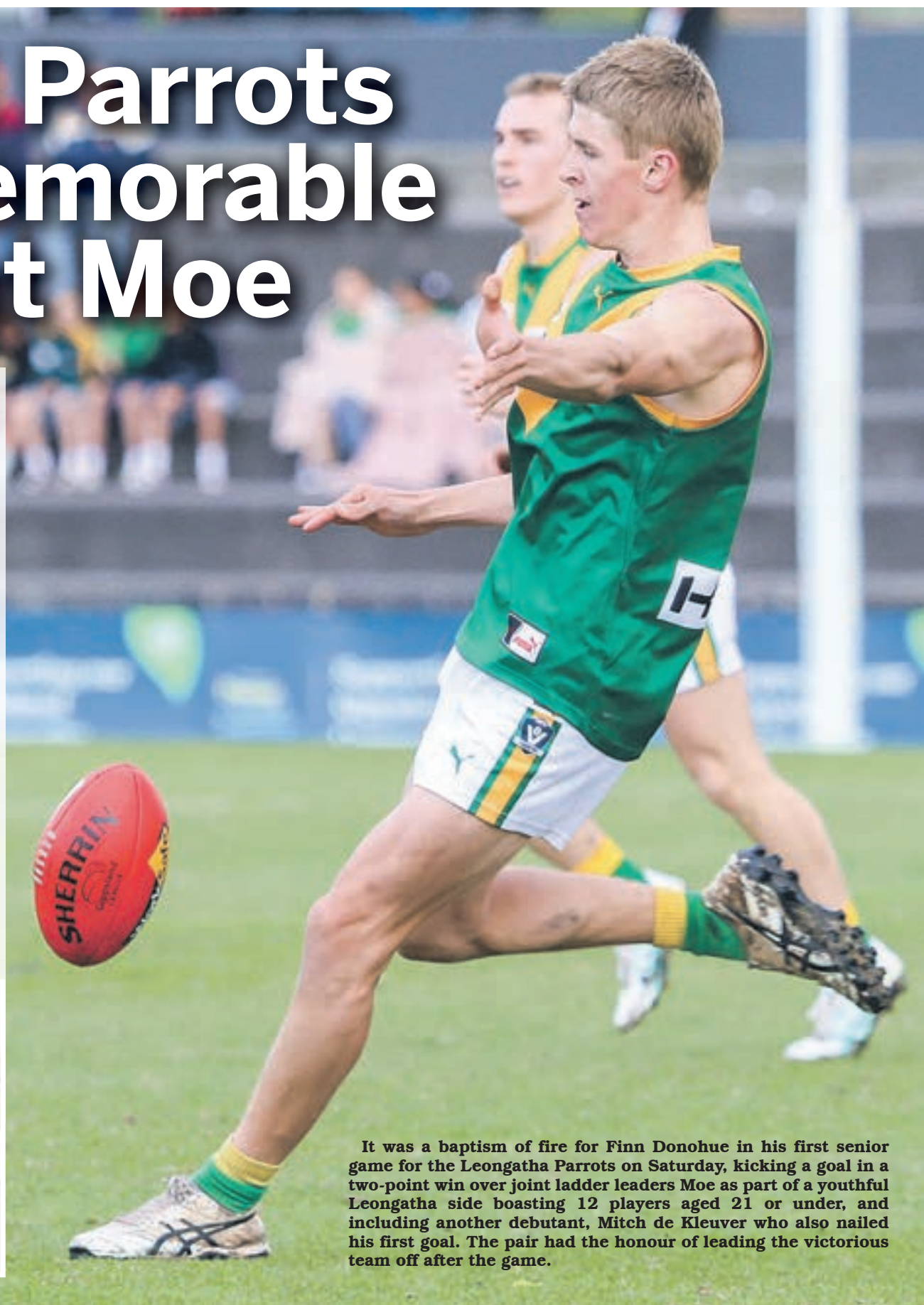
It was an immensely proud Parrots' coach Trent McMicking who addressed the players in the rooms after the game to underscore the achievement by such a youthful group.

"I'm just so bloody proud of you today. I couldn't tell you the number of people who've come up to me and said you've got this player out and that player out.

"But as I said to you all week, we'll just bring another couple of kids in and they'll play their role, and with 10 to 12 kids aged 21 and under today, you just ground it out, grinded and grinded and grinded.

"And yeah, there were moments where the pressure came and we went away from what we were meant to do, but when the big moments came you stood up and you were just huge all day," said McMicking.

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It was a baptism of fire for Finn Donohue in his first senior game for the Leongatha Parrots on Saturday, kicking a goal in a two-point win over joint ladder leaders Moe as part of a youthful Leongatha side boasting 12 players aged 21 or under, and including another debutant, Mitch de Kleuver who also nailed his first goal. The pair had the honour of leading the victorious team off after the game.



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